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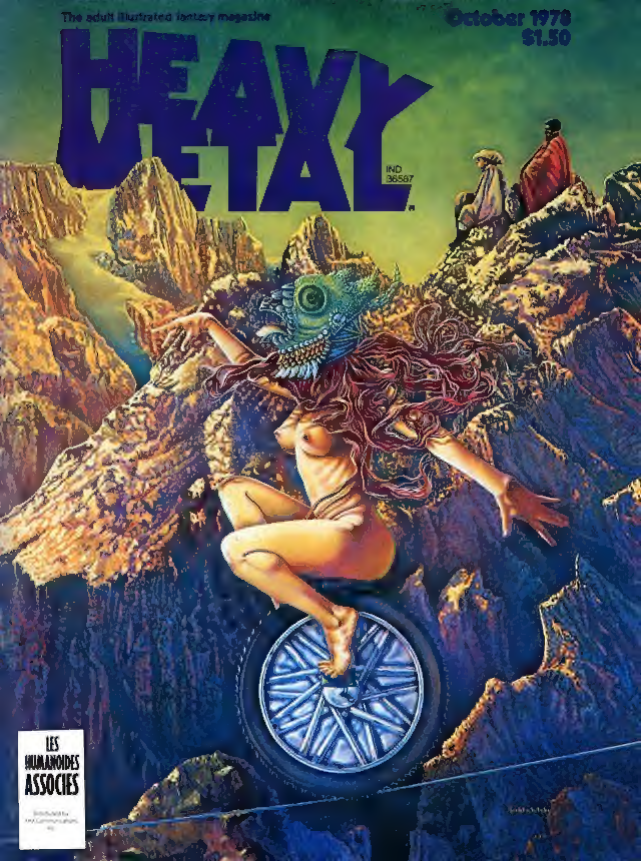

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Dear Editorz,

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Responz reguezded.

Zinzarlee,
Debradee Balondine an
Jonee Benajon
Zanhoza, Kalavornia

Dear Dee'n' Jay:

But thodud tayg ahuh fan owdur id!—Edz.

Dear *HM*,

"Urm" was incredible! Druillet is, in my opinion, the most talented artwise, even though his colors could take a longer time. All of your strips are terrific and imaginative, especially "1996," which takes me about an hour to read each time!

Sam Powell
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Sam,

Tayz ahowd unower in ride id, too.—Edz.

Dear Editors,

Super cover on the *June* issue—it's nice to see a woman who isn't lying on her back with a) fear, b) anticipation, or c) both in her eyes. However, I'm not writing to argue with you about sexist content. I'm more interested in the artwork, anyway. (But here's a cheer for Bob Auff's rape scene—a Bronx one.)

Please give us more Moebius, more Barbarella, and more Kofoed.

Finally, your June issue was *made* when I saw page 24. "Technician Visions" and I have something in common—although it isn't our measurements.

If you could get *HM* past the censors, you could clean up here in Japan. Some of my Japanese coworkers go crazy when I leave the latest issue in the break-room.

Misty I. Bastian
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In this month when the dead arise & walk around in their bones, & religious services are conducted backward with black turnips for munchies, & toads see eye to eye with punkins, we being you a suitably macabre edition of *Heavy Metal*.

A zombie jamboree from *Dawn of the Dead*, the flick that should do for shopping malls what Great White Bruce did for beach parties; illuminated fiction by Mark Wheatley (new to our pages) that tells you perhaps more than you wished to know about dragons' libidos; and an illustrated version of Harlan Ellison's classic nail-biter, *Shattered Like a Glass Goblin*. (Advice to those of you who subscribe to the Braille version of *HM*— do not read this issue in the dark.)

We are pleased to introduce the amazing Angus McKie, whose story, "So Beautiful and So Dangerous," begins within. A. McK. lives, it seems, in England, and no one there has told him that comics don't have to be written and drawn as well as this. So we can count on seven more stunning chapters, if he doesn't find out.

We also bring you the first of 8 episodes of "Exterminator 17," a collaboration between *Metal Hurlant* editor J.P. Dionnet & artist Enki Bilal. It concerns, among other things, undead androids, & stands out as Real-Thing Science Fiction among these pages full of off-the-wall variations.

Next month, we will present you with

a deck of Tarot cards with which to play and always, always lose.

Heavy apology to Harlan Ellison, Byron Preiss Visual Publications, and Baronet Publishing for the indignities heaped upon their version of Ellison's classic *Creatoon* in our last issue. Seems someone saw fit to run the *last* page *first*, *white* type in *black*, *black* type in *white*, and so forth. For the correct pagination, plus a host of other illustrated Ellison stories by Steranko, Reese, and *Shattered*'s own Bill Stout, there's a coupon ad for The Illustrated Harlan Ellison in this issue.

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"...annoyances proliferated..."
"...and roughly one first month."
Zeyd!
We'll all die if we don't find water, Akissa.
That means a detour through Ketra...a delay.
Make camp. We'll head for Ketra in the morning.
New Tales of the Arabian Nights

"A strange energy pervades this land. That night, though physically exhausted, my body throbbed with a desire that wouldn't be repressed."

So...you feel it too.
Yes.

AIIII!
SCHSCHSCHSCHSCH

Sindbad!
SCH-K-K-K-SCH
Allah save us!
to be continued

EXTERMINATOR
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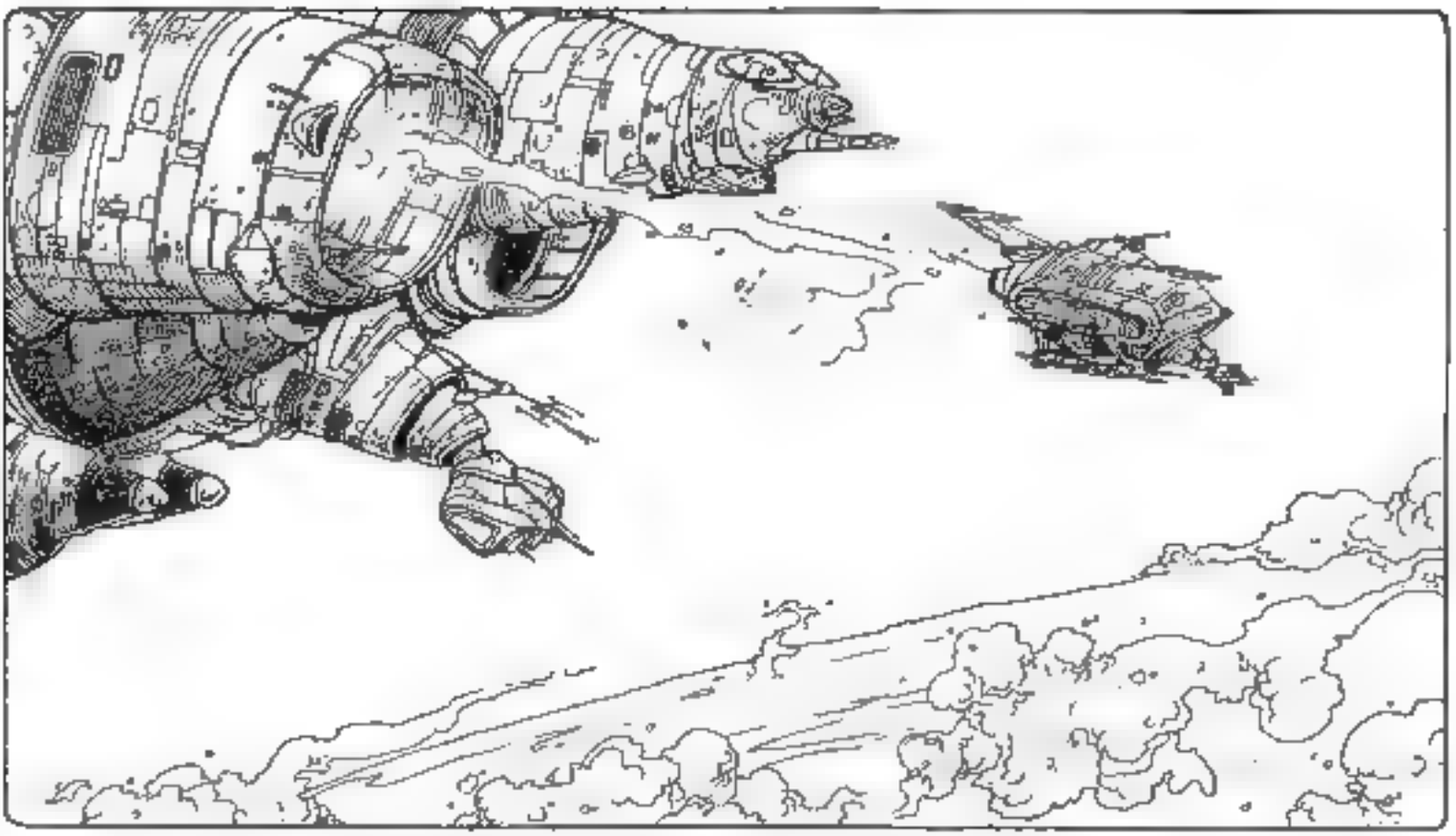

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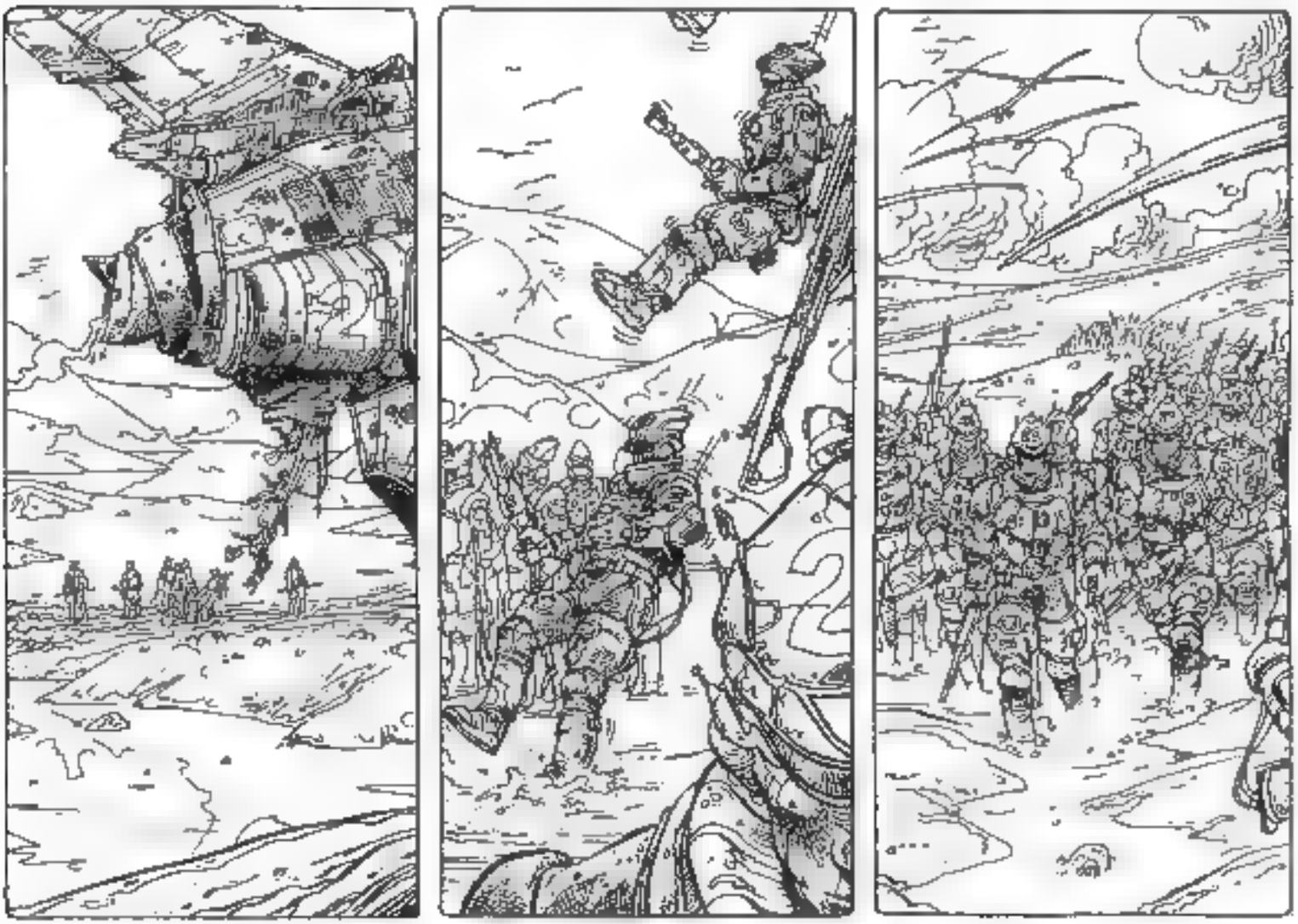

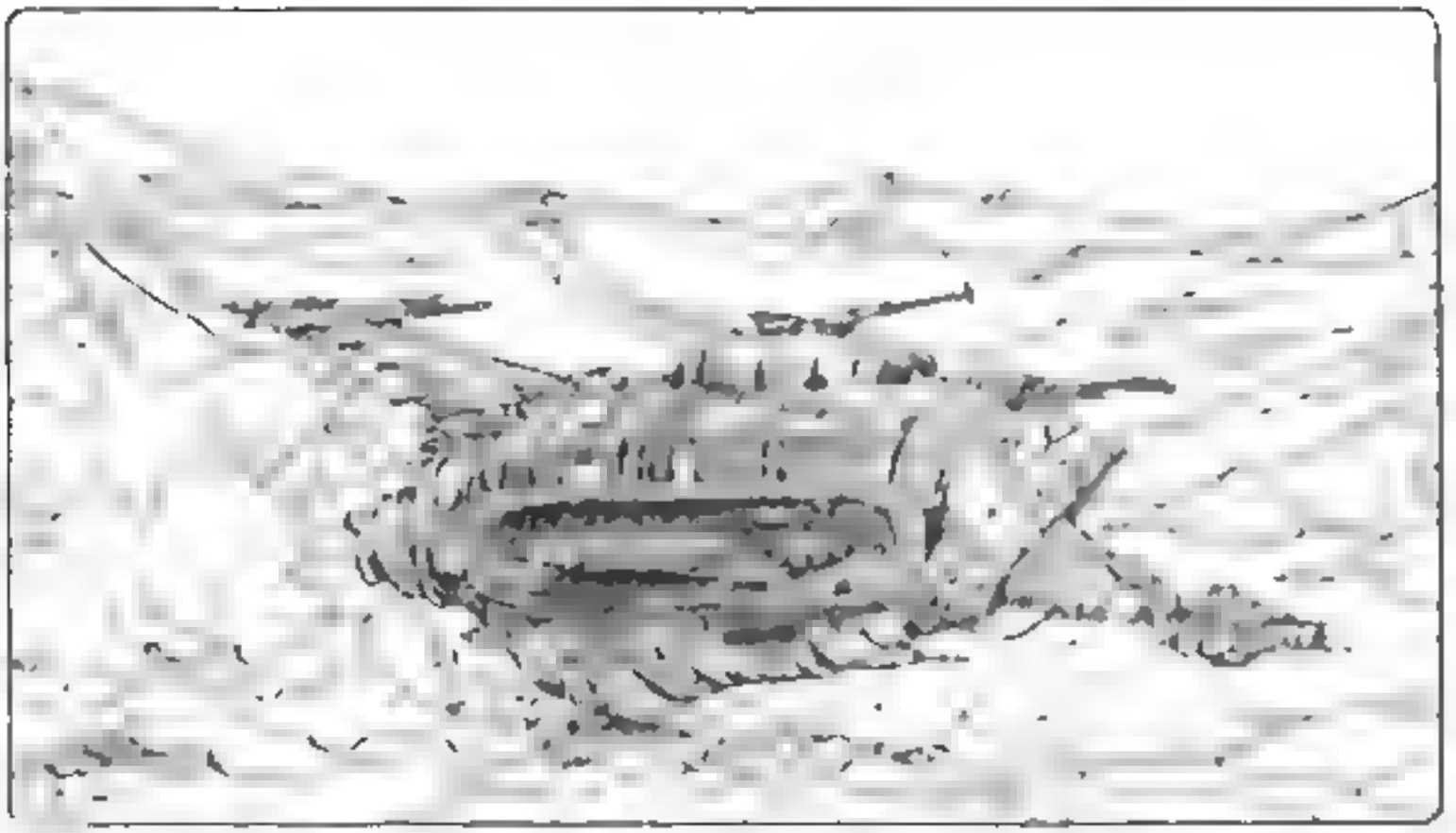

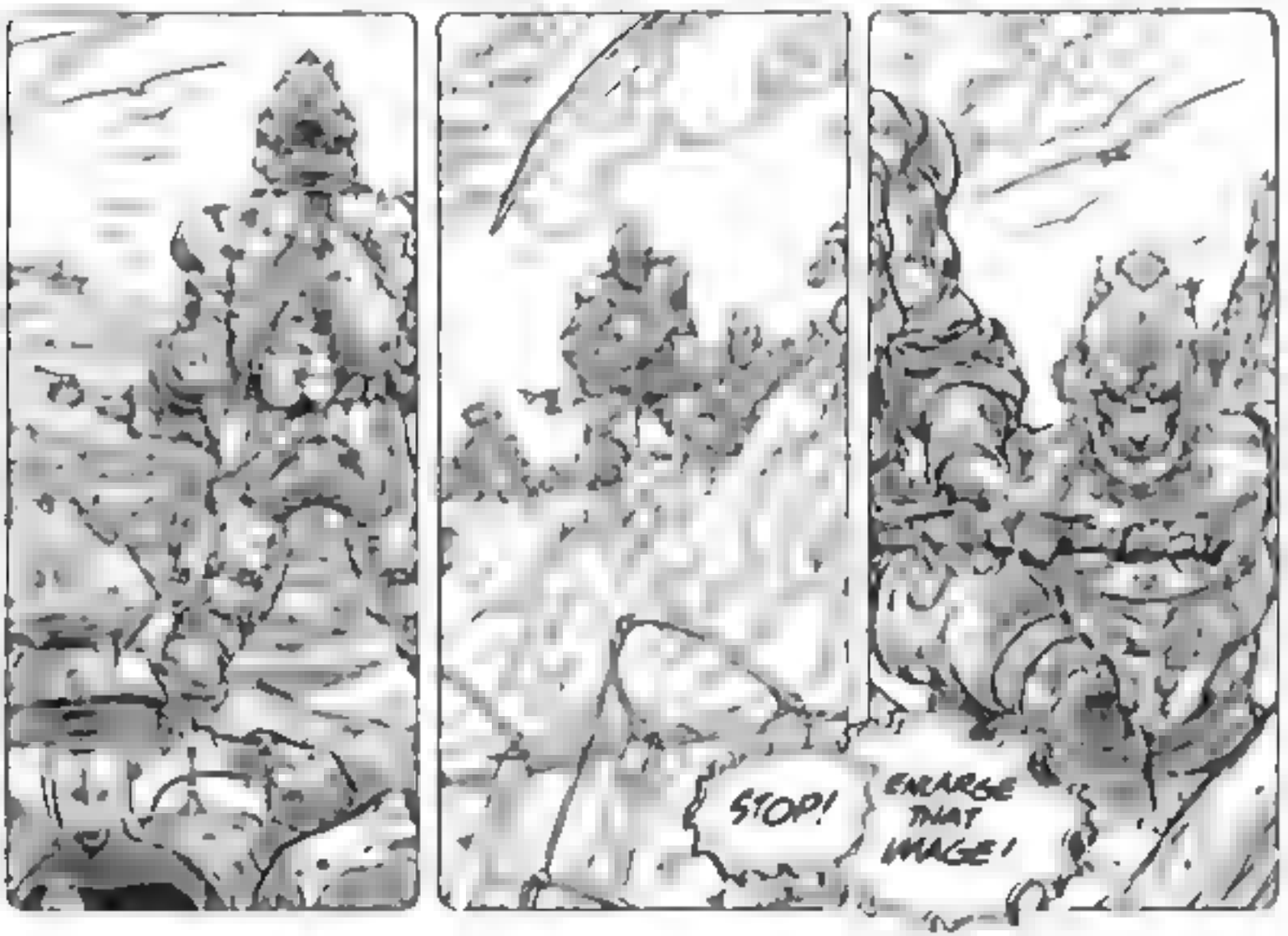
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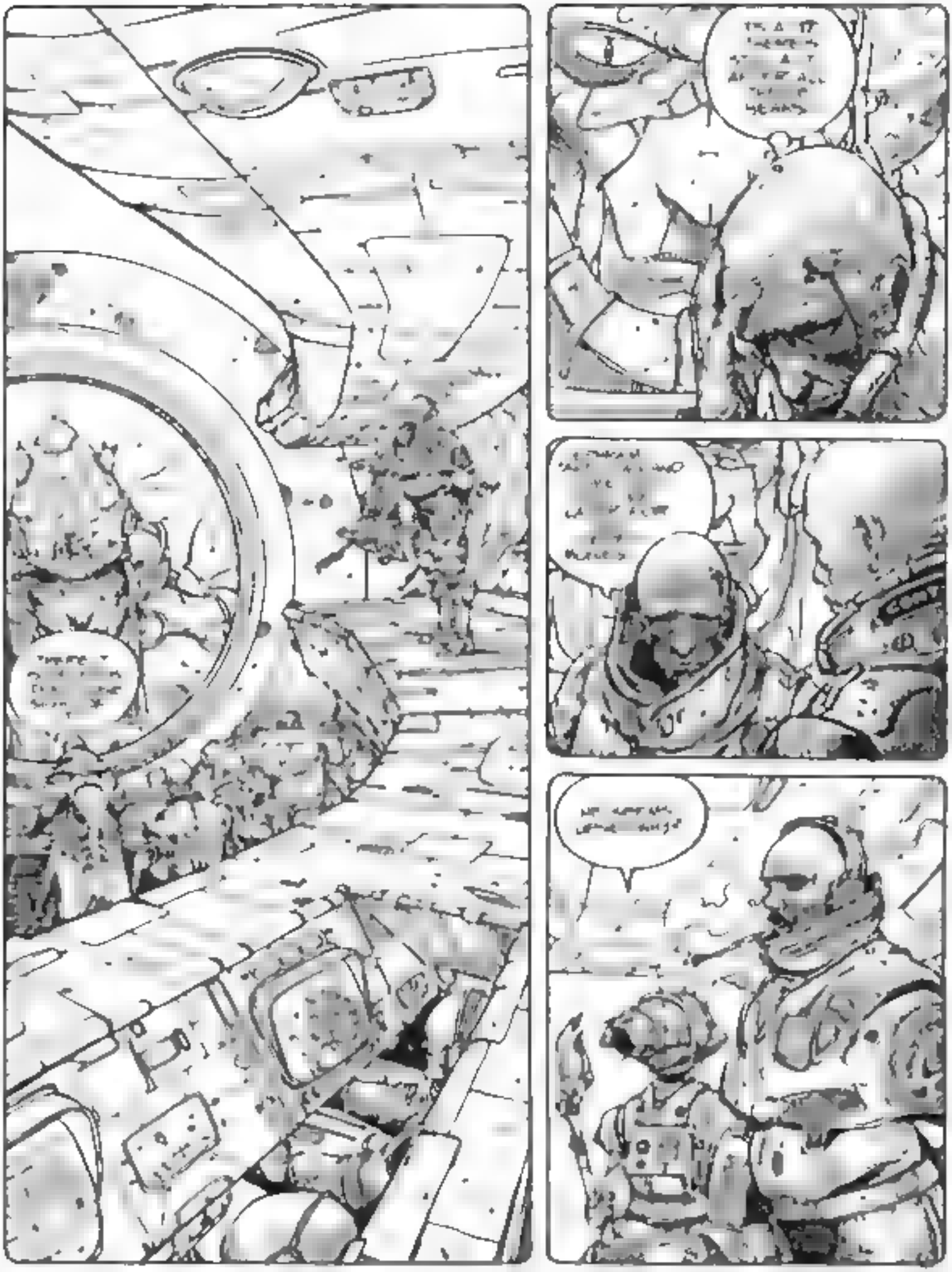

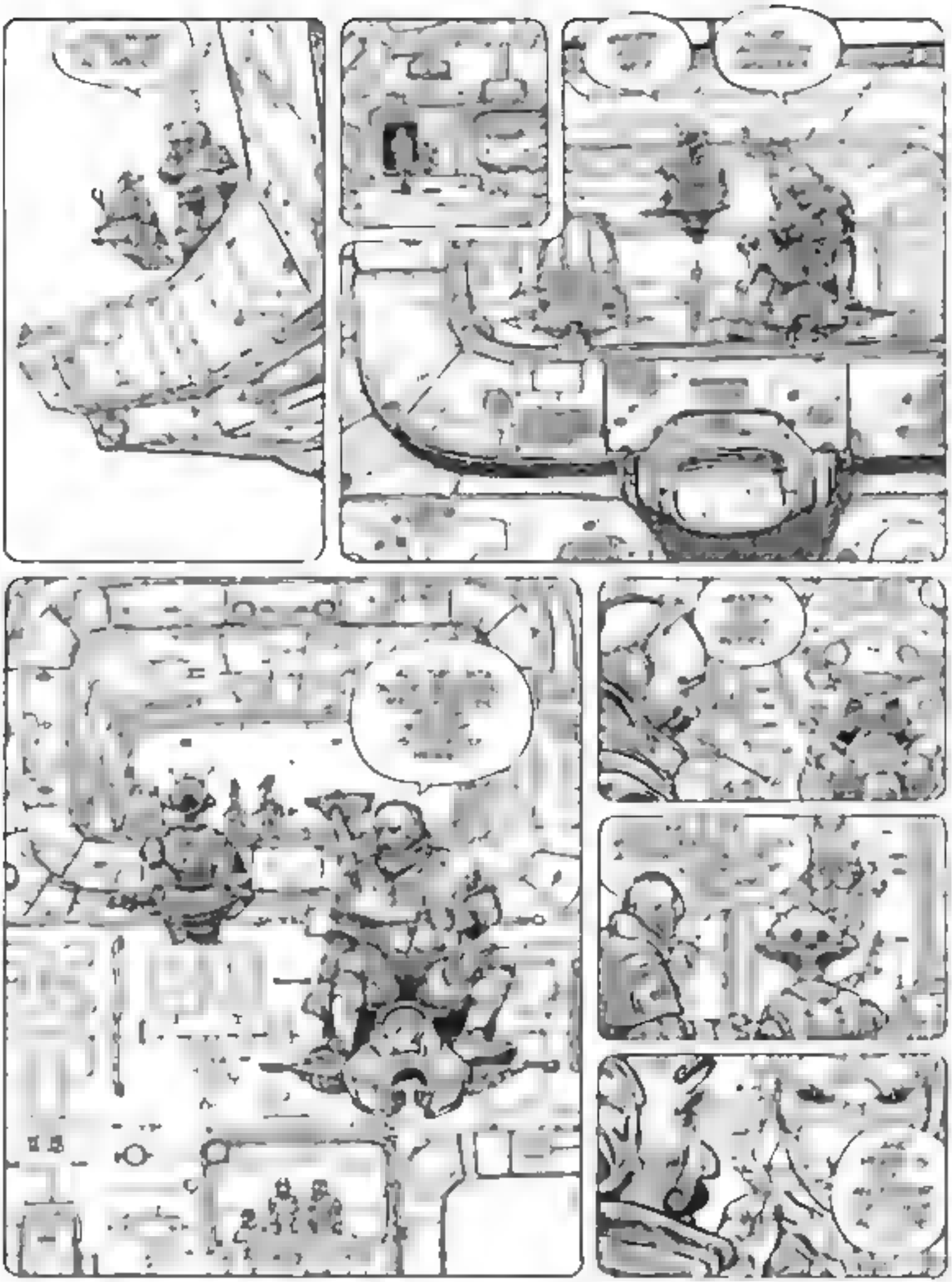

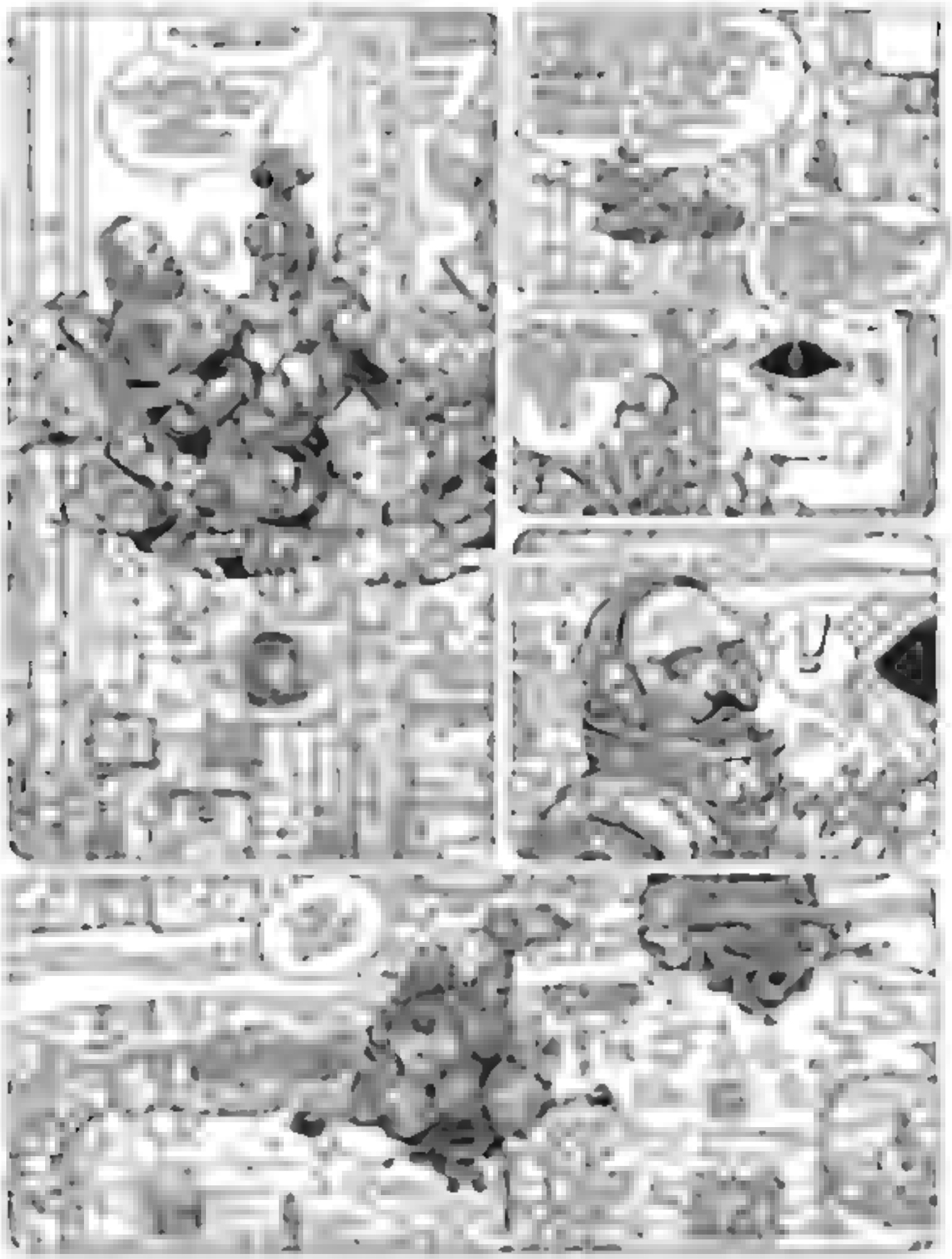

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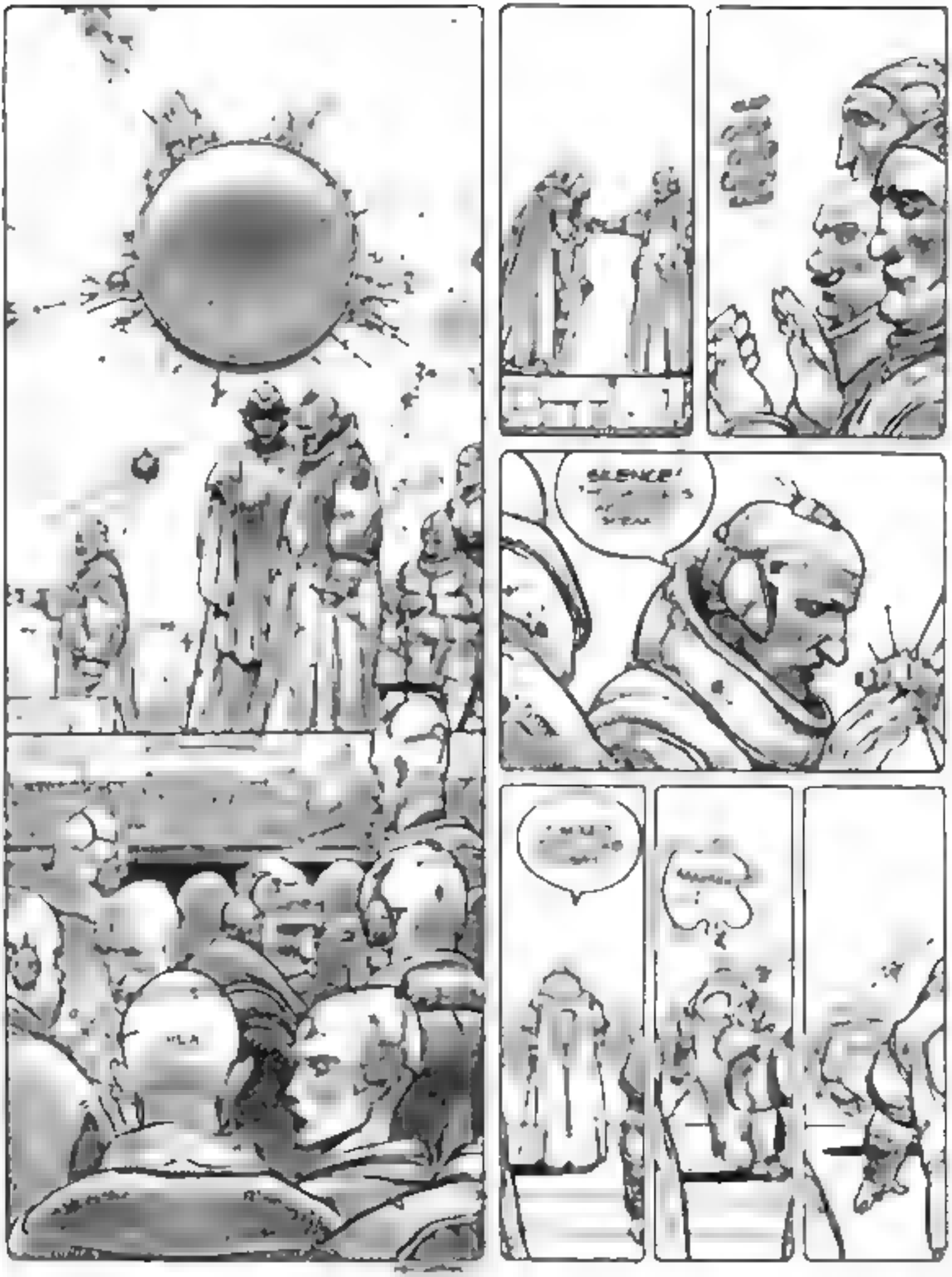
HAPPENING
A TREATY HAS BEEN
DESTRUCT!

I'VE COME TO CALL YOU, MASTER
TODAY IS A GREAT DAY..
A GREAT DAY..
I AM OLD AND THEY'RE RETIRING ME! A GREAT DAY TO BE SURE!

BUT TODAY ALL HUMANITY SALUTES YOU IT THANKS YOU FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE...
IT THANKS ME FOR CREATING THE ANDROIDS AND FOR GIVING THEM MY DISCOVERY LIKE IT OR NOT IT THANKS ME FOR CREATING THE EXTERMINATORS!
YOU'VE NEVER TALKED LIKE THIS BEFORE MASTER WAS IT THE "IT" YOU SAW JUST NOW WHICH HAS UPSET YOU?..
SPEAKING OF WHICH I MUST TELL YOU THAT PEACE HAS BEEN SIGNED AND THE "IT" WAS DE-ACTIVATED WITH THE OTHERS.
MASTER, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
ARE YOU
HELP ME!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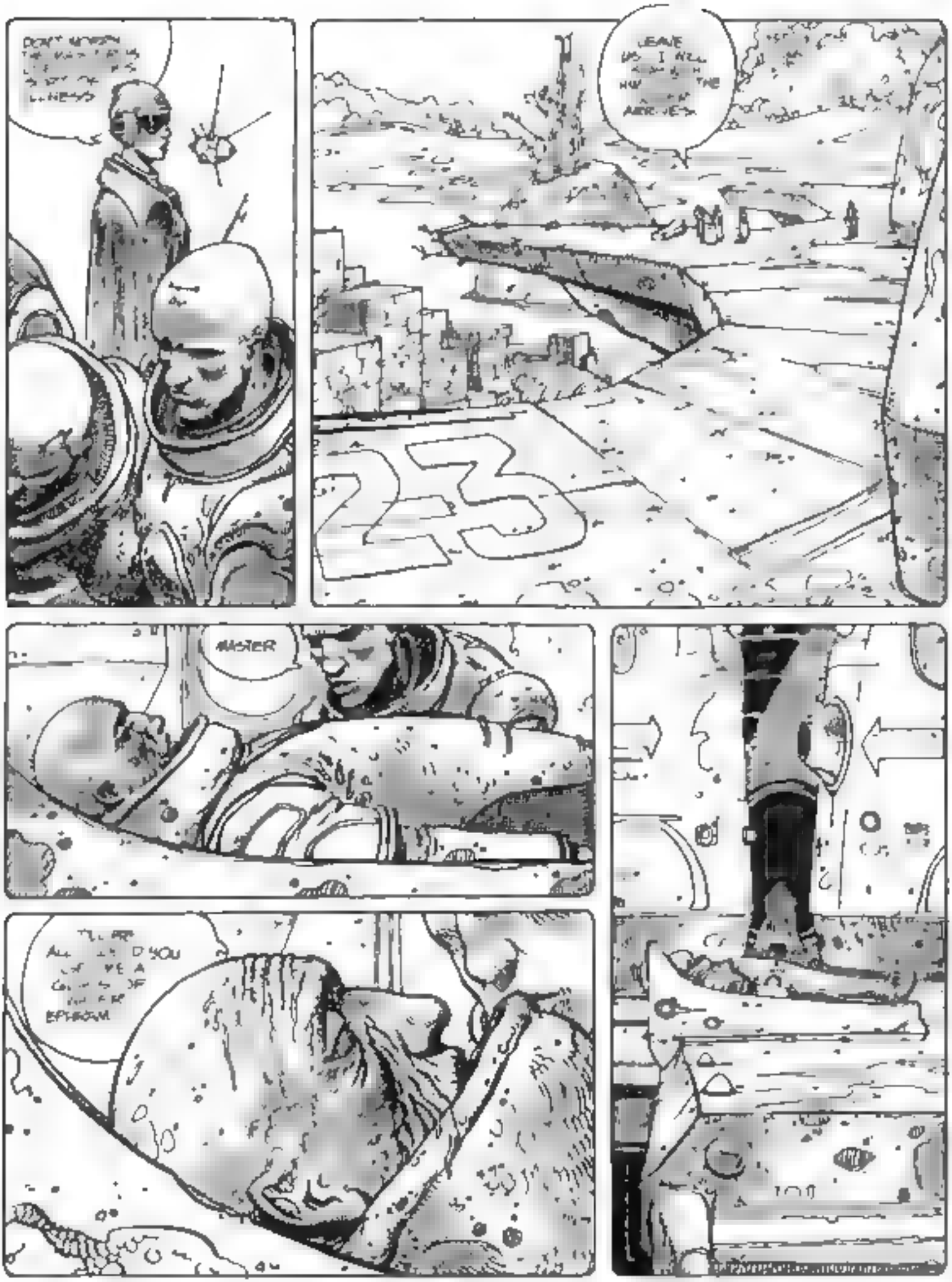
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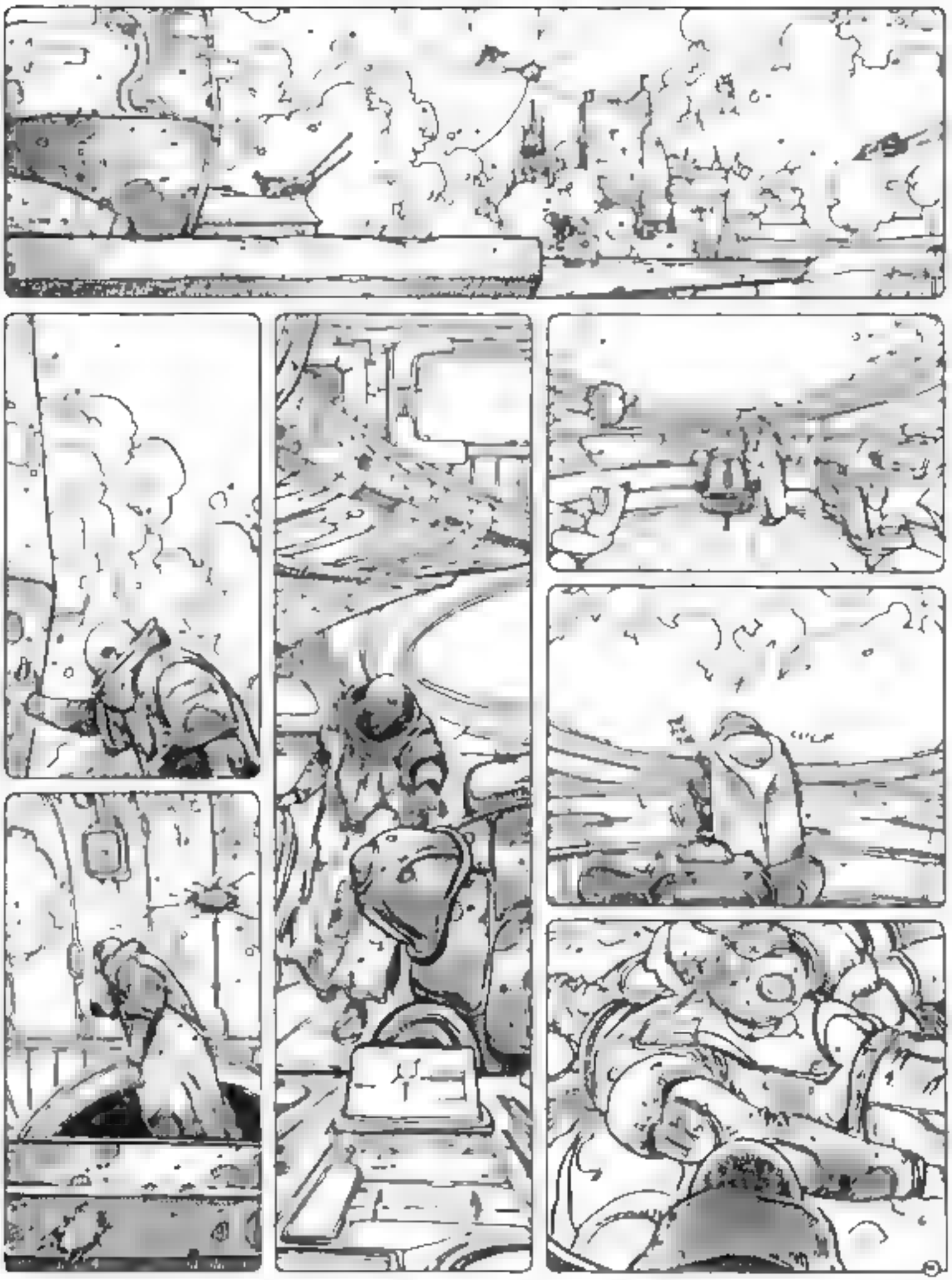

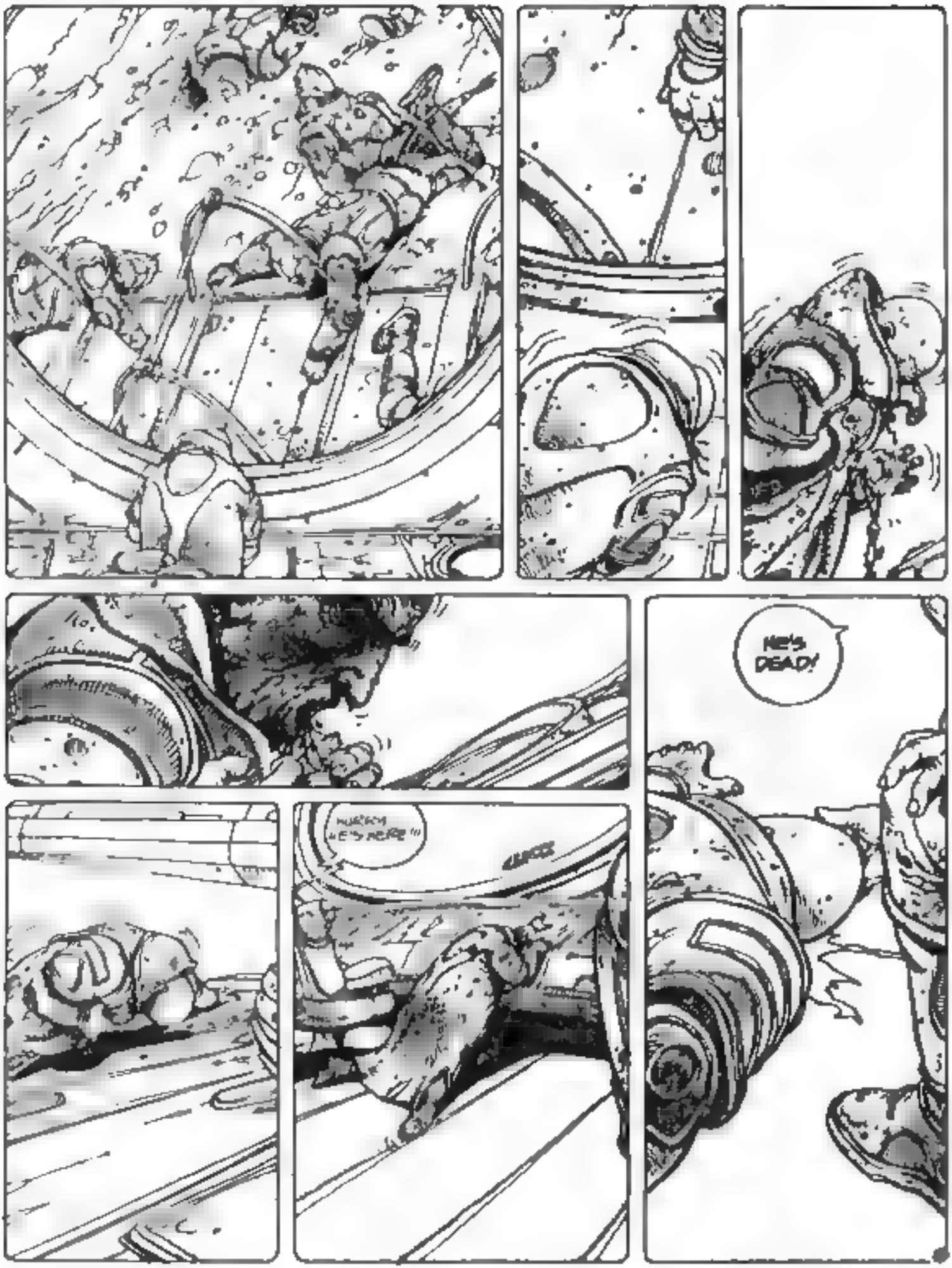
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HOLD! I SEES TO KNOW

I SEEKS WISDOM FROM YOU EVEN IF MY ADVANCES HAVE MADE SOME FEEL I SEEK ONLY TO HARM

AM A BETTER ONE THAN YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF. I HAVE NO OTHER MOTIVE PRESENCE THAT YOU FEEL. I DO NOT INTEND FOR YOU TO SUFFER. WE OF MY REVENGE. YOU WILL REMAIN BEHIND WHILE URZA AND I CLAIM THE FINAL PRIZE OF THE WORTHSOME AMONTHROP. OR PAY IT OURSELVES FOR THE ATTEMPT

AHHH, YOU'RE A HARD WOMAN TO DEPRIVE ME OF THE SAME SIGHT AND YOUR FAVORS.

ALWAYS THE SARCASM. SHE RANG I KNOW. IT WE REVEAL TO YOU THE REASON FOR MY NEED OF VENGEANCE AND SEE IF THE HEAT OF YOUR ARDOR REMAINS CONSTANT

YOU MAY HAVE YOUR REASONS FOR DESPISING ME A HARD BUT WHAT PRESENCE I HAVE FOR YOU AGREE [illegible] IN MY [illegible]

A WERE-BEAST!
BUT WORSE, I WAS TRAPPED IN A MASCULINE APPEARANCE RETAINING MY NATURAL FELINE ATTRIBUTES AND FEROCITY.
I WAS ENSLAVED BY MY PRIMAL PHYSICAL DESIRES WHENEVER HE COMMANDED--WHETHER IT WAS A SEASON OR TWO
BECAUSE I WAS A MAN-BEAST AND A CHAMPION OF SOLACE, SHE SOUGHT TO DESTROY ME BY TRADITIONAL MEANS
BUT WE CAN'T--IS FROM HERE FOREVER AS WE WERE. I WAS TEMPERANCE'S SLAVE WHEN YOU FOUND ME. I'D NEVER BE ABLE TO RETURN TO US, AND HE IS DOOMED TO SPEND ETERNITY IN FIRE AND BRIMSTONE
THE FOCUS OF OUR FEAR FOREVER.
DANCHOOSIS IS NOT OUR FOE--AND IT BECAME MY ATTACK WE NEED ALREADY HOSTILE EMPERANCE WE ESCAPED ONLY BECAUSE HE WAS MORE CONCERNED WITH REPAIRING HIS WINGS
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MIGHTY MAGICIANS!
NONETHELESS WELCOME, INTRUSION. LET'S NOT BOTHER TO SAY OUR FAREWELLS TO THE
AND INSTINCTIVELY PARTS BEHIND A CURTAIN.
I-I DON'T
THEY NO LONGER SENSE ME!
THE OTHER PRINCIPALS IN THE BATTLE [illegible] DISTURB THE BALANCE IN
OVERWHELMING
AH-HA-HA! EXCELLENT. AS I'D
GUST N'TIME GET THOSE GHOULS' ATTENTION AWAY FROM ME. HURRY! LET'S FIND THON'S MACHINES
I NERVE ENOUGH
THE VAPOR DEVICES! SOMETHING THREATENS THEM.
NOT SOMETHING - SOMEONE! I MUST BE AMONTHOS; NOW WE REALLY HAVE TO HURRY! LEAD THE WAY.

ORION, CHANDRA WILL BE UPON US ANY MOMENT. DO WHAT YOU'VE COME TO DO QUICKLY. I SUGGEST SHE'D NOT LEAVE THIS PLACE UNGUARDED.
WHERE DO YOU WANT THIS ARCHER?
THIS SHRINE IS MY CHAMBER OF POWER... SPELL WARNS HER OF OUR PRESENCE. DO YOU FEEL IT? THE WAVES OF ENERGY BEATING AGAINST THE DOOR... SHE'LL BE HERE SOON.
SPRITE, JUST HOLD ON! I'LL BE BACK!
NO ORION, YOU WOULD DARE OPPOSE ME!

AT THAT MOMENT...

AHAH... JUST HOLD HER ATTENTION FOR A MOMENT LONGER, MY DEAR ORION.

WHO...? LAMONTHOS! NO! DON'T...

TOO LATE, MY PET. THE VERY SUBSTANCE THAT SUSTAINED YOU ALL THESE AGES IS EVAPORATING AS FAST AS YOU SUCK IN THE AIR. NOT YOU MIGHT HAVE BEEN A WATCH FOR YE A SECOND AGO. BUT NOW YOU FEEL A REALLY BEE. THE WEIGHT OF ALL YOUR YEARS OVERTAKING YOU, WEAKENING YOU, CRUSHING YOU!!!

BLINDING FLASHES OF LIVID, RAW POWER RIP ACROSS THE INTERVENING DISTANCE BETWEEN SORCERESS AND SORCERER.

AND THEN, WITH AN ANGUISHED CRY, CHANDRA KNOWING SHE'S BEATEN, SCORCHES THE VERY ETHER BETWEEN THEM WITH A WAVE OF SWEET LIGHTNING — AND DISAPPEARS THROUGH A SECRET PORTAL!

AND NOW, ORION, WE MEET AGAIN FOR THE LAST TIME! I HOPED TO AVOID THE DIRECT METHODS OF PROTHORBOT, BUT SEE FROM YOU TO THE END I EMPLOYED THE GENERAL AND DEEPLY UNWORTHY SUCH FUN. BUT YOU ALWAYS WERE A SPECIAL CASE! IT'S TIME TO GIVE PROTHORBOT TO KEEP US OF

TAKE IT!!
TAKE IT THEN, FOOL, CAN YOU HAZARD IF YOU CAN!
ORION...
GET CLEAR, SPRITE. THIS WON'T TAKE LONG—ONE WAY OR THE OTHER!
A DEEP, OMINOUS RUMBLING SEEMS TO EMANATE FROM EVERYWHERE, AND THORBOLT SHIMMERS AND BLAZES AS IF IN ANTICIPATION OF LAHONTHOS'CHALLENGE!

ORION AND DARKSEID CLASH IN MORTAL COMBAT ENCHANTED BLADE AGAINST ENERGIZED STAFF AND THE VERY FOUNDATIONS OF TIME AND SPACE SEEM TO STRAIN AND SHUDDER AT THE TERRIBLE FORCES UNLEASHED.

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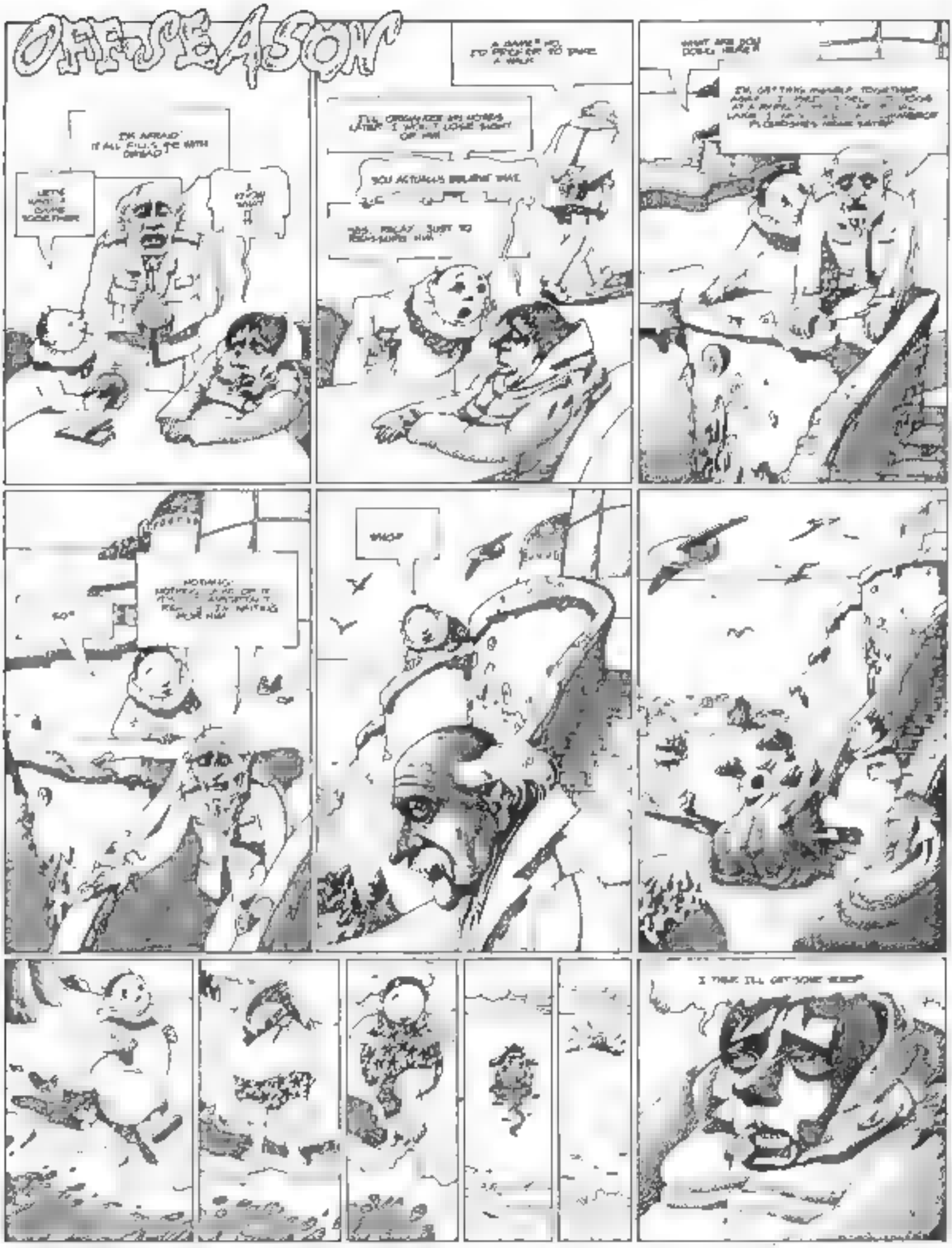
OFF-SEASON

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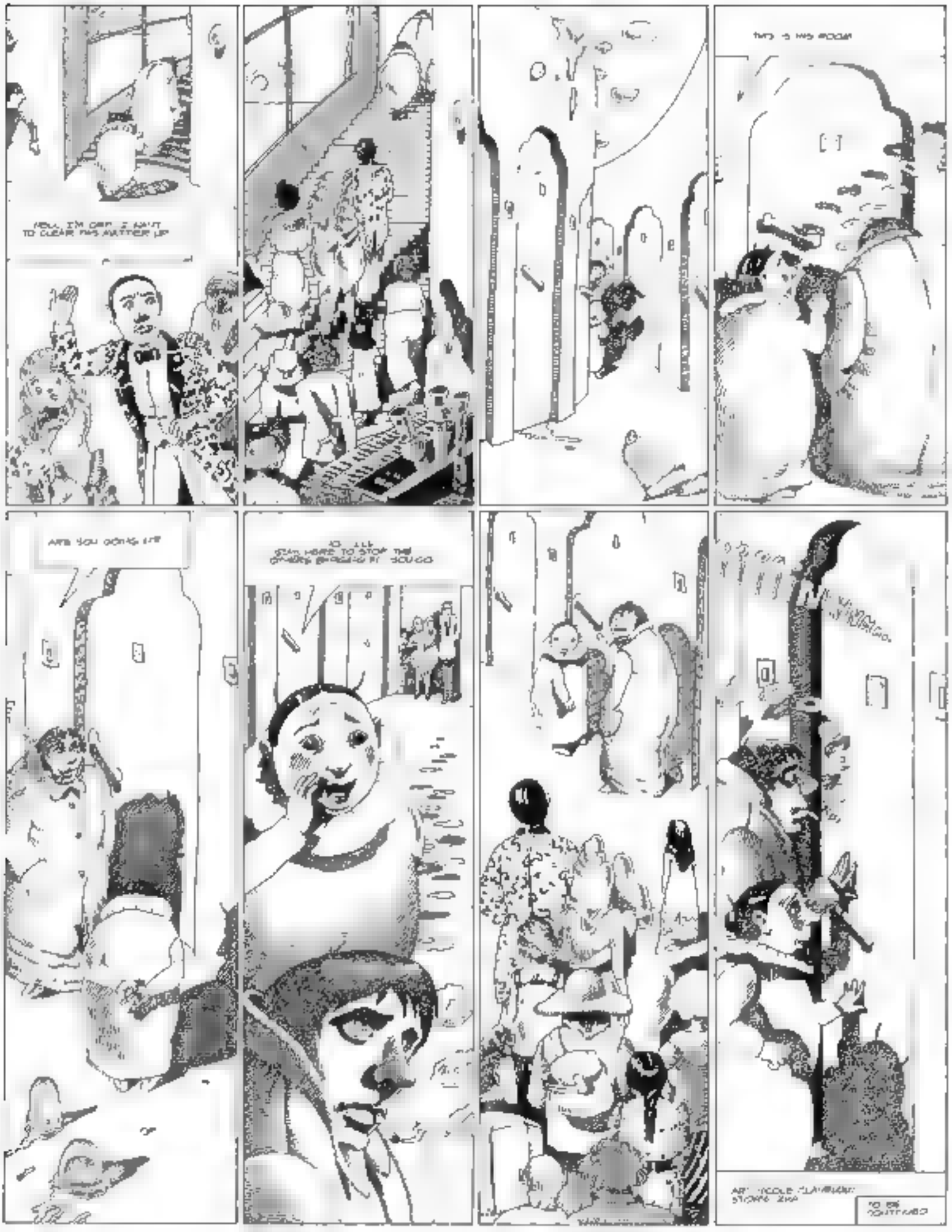
NOBODY LEAVES THE ROOM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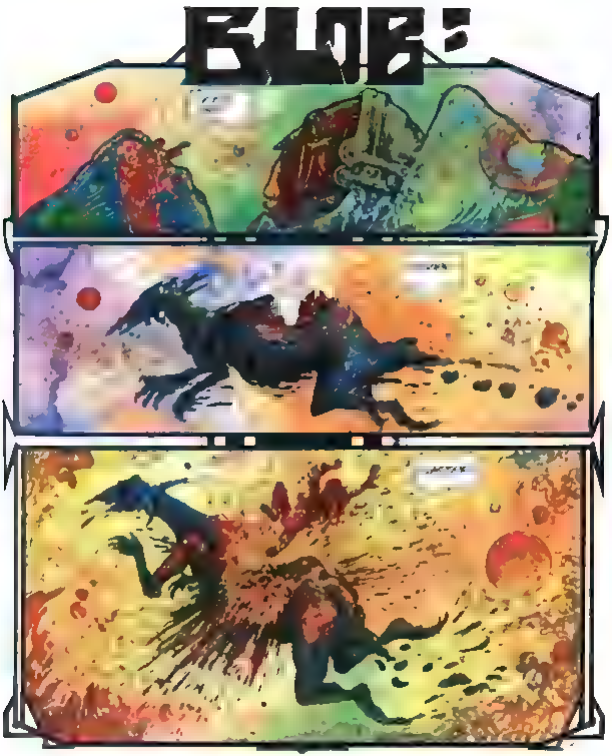
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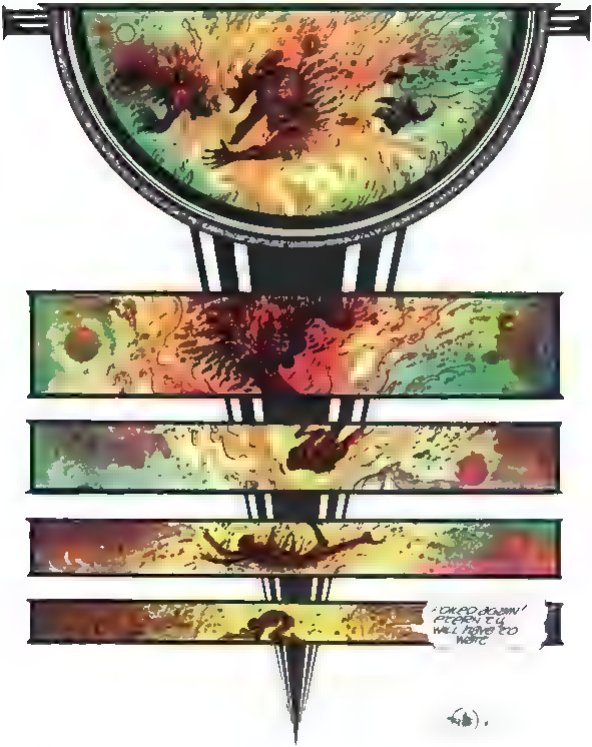
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Do you believe the dead are returning to life . . . and attacking the living? Dr. Foster asked portentously. The power of his words over the airways sent a shock wave throughout the entire newsroom. They had been reading those words all day . . . but to hear them . . . it gave them a new solidarity, a new reality.

The two big men, in their mohair capes, gazed at across the sprawling mall.

"It's Christmas, me down there, buddy," Roger said with wonder.

"Far cry, brother. How we gonna work in?"

"We get into the department stores up here," Roger pointed. "They probly have their own escalators, too."

"Let's check those keys, Peter suggested.

At this point, the [illegible] narrow-minded objects get as many supplies [illegible] stopped [illegible] about what would fit into [illegible] which [illegible] human passengers. The [illegible] headed now and the admiral-tra

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both strapped and moved quickly down the hall toward the mainte[illegible]

As they left the balcony, a Zombie staggered out of one of the open doorways several yards away from where they had been standing. It was followed by a second creature, a female without an arm. Steadily, menacingly, they moved along the balcony toward the open corridor.

In the maintenance office the troopers compared the keys against the coded map on the wall.

Seven [illegible] ed out as he poised over the map. "Here it is."

He and Peter checked the keys and Peter found the corresponding numbers.

"Here," he said, holding out [illegible]

"Let's hope it's right."

"Look here," Peter said, pointing to the map. "[illegible] must all be stocks. Front side, back outside . . . must be like [illegible] ducks. But what are those . . ."

He pointed to several numbered spots which seemed to be within the big Porter department store that they were studying.

"Washroom?" Roger guessed. "Equipment . . . dunno."

While Peter still stared at the map, Roger moved off toward the electrical control panel.

"I guess these gotta be the gates," Peter surmised.

Roger wandered around the room cheerfully. He noted some hung on the control panel with a smile and turned toward Peter.

"How about a little music?"

"What?" Peter asked, totally taken back by the frivolity of the statement.

The big trooper moved up behind his blond partner. One of the controls on the panel was marked "MUSIC TAPE." The master switch was in the off position. Another switch was marked "DOOR EXHIBITS" and a series of others were marked "FOOD ATTRACTIONS." There were dozens of master switches which were all in the off mode.

"Power switches," Peter said to himself.

"The music might cover the noise we make," Roger said practically.

"Hit 'em all," Peter said magnanimously. "Might as well have [illegible]

With a [illegible] Roger [illegible] switches [illegible] through [illegible] through [illegible] Music [illegible] through the [illegible]

Peter's [illegible] had [illegible] Fran. She stopped the rifle into her hands, ready to fire, but she couldn't stop her hands from shaking. She had been standing, one ear cocked to the strange music below, just inside the storage area. Now she stepped into the [illegible] and tried to see through the darkness. The sounds of the insipid music drifted up toward her.

"Stephen," she cried, leaning [illegible]

"Stephen!"

His mind still fuzzy from his long-needed rest, Steve roused himself. A hero he thought he has been dreaming about . . . the music (which sounded unbelievably just like his dentist's office), and the frantic call of Fran's. He opened his eyes and for a moment he couldn't place the big, cold room filled with [illegible] Then he remembered and jumped up to help Fran.

He found her just inside the storage area, her eyes straining in the darkness, the rifle gripped to her breast. She looked [illegible] comparison to the big rifle and she was shuddering with fear. Steve sped her into the larger room and closed the door.

"Where the hell are these guys?" he asked, still half-asleep and rubbing his eyes. "What the hell is going on around here?"

Fran had calmed down sufficiently to try to explain what had transpired since Steve fell asleep.

"I wish I knew what they're actually trying to do," she replied. "What do they expect [illegible] with [illegible] from there . . . [illegible] she said, [illegible] look of fear in her eyes. "I [illegible] the whole [illegible] perspective. We just wanted to stop here for some food and [illegible] like what I thought. But they act like they're on some kind of secret mission. I swear, they're acting like a bunch of kids playing cops and robbers."

Steve reached over and pulled Fran close to him

"Don't worry," he told her in a voice that he hoped sounded calm. "They're not their cities."

"Then what are we going to do? They said if they didn't come back to leave without them . . . how long should we wait . . ."

She collapsed in a heap, crying and shaking at the same time.

All Steve could do was hold her to him tightly. He knew that if she cried to explain anything, he could break down as well.

Meanwhile, on the first floor of the mall, a shocked as if a giant hand had turned on its own special mechanical toy. Only it wasn't a toy. It was an entire shopping center. The automobile turntable started spinning; the great escalators began to move up and down . . . Worst of all, a living dead corpse just starting up a stalled escalator fell and rolled down as the mechanical steps began to move . . .

As if were a carnival, some alive lights blinked on. The exhibits, mechanical window displays began their robot-like motions. The Zombies, bathed in the bizarre, multi-colored light, added to the increased confusion. Some of them swayed ineffectually as the moving exhibits . . .

Disturbed by the movement, the tropical birds housed in the floor-to-ceiling cages woke up chirping and squawking for their feed . . .

In a pet shop, puppies and kittens in a window display whined and tumbled over one another in fright at the noise, the motion . . .

[illegible] losing was its real-life action of human shoppers [illegible] the floor exhibits, a rear-projection movie started . . .

A narrator spoke in a friendly voice [illegible] and for a price that anyone can afford, you can live in these luxurious new homes in Brandon. Full electric central a . . .

The newly distracted Zombies started strutting around at a quicker pace, bumping into each other and the moving displays. Some tried to return the way they came in, but only bounced off the [illegible] doors . . .

[illegible] heir selves in [illegible] belt and they [illegible] in a[illegible] out . . .

Roger's mind was a million miles away . . .

[illegible] of all those wonderful goodies waiting for him downstairs. He was [illegible] buses from the balcony. Startled, he ducked back into the room. The Zombies, loudly reaching out with clutched hands, rounded the corner and appeared in the doorway. With precision accuracy [illegible] their heads . . .

On the top of the escalator, Fran jumped as the sound of the shots reverberated through the enormous mall . . .

[illegible] Steve screamed, grabbing the rifle from the [illegible] . . . There re maniacs . . .

He looked long and hard at Fran. He was torn between staying here with her and charging downstairs as he was what was going on . . . [illegible] but he also needed to prove to her — to himself — that he was not a macho superman do-it-yourselfer that he could join the battle . . .

Fran saw the movement of indecision in his eyes . . .

"Stephen, don't go down there," she pleaded. "Stephen please . . ."

"It all right," he said reluctantly starting to make his way down the [illegible] . . .

In the corridor of the administration offices below, Roger and Peter were stepping over the corpse . . .

"Whaddaya think?" Roger asked as the second Zombie he and [illegible] female came into his view. He fired his weapon and the creature fell in a heap. As if nothing had happened, he continued his [illegible] . . .

"Bag it or cry for it?" he asked his comrade . . .

"You game?" Peter asked . . .

Roger nodded and the two men ran down the hall toward the [illegible]. With their rifles poised, they scented the commandos on an [illegible] . . .

All that was missing was the blare of the trumpets as Roger and Peter charged into battle. The enemy wandered around the first floor, attracted by the sound but confused by the sudden intrusion of the noise into their quiet domain. In misguided, staggering [illegible], they walked this way and that, glazed, vacant eyes passing by the stores and shops with their glittering array of goodies . . .

[illegible] dominant state had been easy to negotiate. But now the moving escalators tossed the Zombies this way and that. Some of them tried [illegible] onto the up escalator fell against each other from the movement. They seemed like tumbling pins in a bowling alley . . .

One of the Zombies who fell on the escalator was carried upward despite an awkward position. Another managed to keep its balance holding onto the handrail . . .

And unbeknownst to Roger and Peter several creatures had begun to move up the step of a stationary stairway that ran from the first to the second floor and that was located at a point at the other end of the mall from the administration offices . . .

[illegible] way down the steps of the Sheraton. His rifle ready, his pulses pounding, he tried to control his jittery nerves. Fran looked [illegible] . . .

Several hundred yards away, Roger and Peter were barreling toward the huge gate that locked off the entrance to Porter's. The two troopers came to a crashing halt. Four or five Zombies were staggering their way down a side concourse toward the troopers [illegible] . . .

Roger kept his rifle leveled off in the direction of the creatures while Peter tried the lock at the middle of the big, roll gate . . .

Beads of perspiration formed on his forehead as he fumbled with the key for a moment until he finally found the proper one. Wheezing [illegible] . . . Peter sighed in relief . . .

"Alright," he yelled to his friend . . .

Creeping toward them, however, was the creature who had fallen on the escalator. His ghoulish companion, the one who was able to ride the whole way without falling, was also approaching [illegible] . . .

[illegible] . . . Peter gave the bolt a final shove and [illegible] . . .

"What the [illegible] . . ." Peter said, turning to the right . . .

Still locked on the safe," Peter said, pointing to another assembly. He moved to the far side of the gate. The same key fit and Peter repeated the process . . .

But Roger could not share his joy. His attention was on the creature riding the escalator almost near the top. Just as Roger was about to shoot, something caught his eye . . .

The fallen Zombies, who up until now could not be seen behind the escalator railings, suddenly came tumbling out onto the balcony floor . . .

A shaken Roger took fire, but his aim was inaccurate. The pressures were starting to build and for one moment he stopped to think about the idiocy of what he was doing. That was his downfall because a disturbed his concentration. His shot hit the standing Zombie in the neck tearing half the throat away. The creature was thrown off balance enough to lose its footing. It fell back down the escalator but before reached the bottom, it stopped rolling. The steps carried it back up toward the second floor again. It was still very much alive . . .

Two more creatures on the balcony struggled to stand. Roger watched them and then looked back over his shoulder. To his horror he saw that Zombies from the side concourse were about a hundred and fifty feet away . . .

Working against time, Peter turned the key in the lock but again the gate would not budge. It moved slightly and Peter could see

shot it was free from the middle and far right mechanisms but that there was a third lock on the far left. He moved to it quickly.

As if they possessed some kind of primitive antennae the other creatures on the first floor began to take note of the action upstairs and they, too, started to move.

Zombies surrounded the troopers on all sides now. Those who had managed to climb the stationary stairway were beginning to reach the second floor, but they were far down the main balcony in order to reach the [illegible] they would have to pass the administrative cubicles.

Roger steadied his nerves and collected his thoughts. In the back of his mind he was wondering what the hell was taking Peter so damn long.

He fired his rifle again and one of the nearby Zombies fell in a heap.

His confidence restored, he looked around for more of the enemy to mow down.

"For God's sake, Steve — Fran called down the stairway upon hearing Roger's shot. "Let's get up on the roof" she cried out to him desperately.

As the noodle ending, Steve stared down into the darkness below. More gunfire could be heard from the mall. He was stuck part of him wanted to run up to Fran and escape with her in the chopper. The other part wanted to go down and get into the action

"I'm right," he said, trying to convince himself as well. Those things didn't move fast enough to catch us. The last part of his [illegible] drowned out by the staccato beat of the gunfire.

With a loud rumble the large gate finally freed itself from its bonds and rolled up. Peter ducked into the store even as the gate was still rising. The main column of the heavy metal carried the [illegible] fully open position and rolled back down slightly, but this Peter could not reach the lip. It was over ten feet to the ceiling. The bottom of the gate rested about three feet above Peter's outstretched fingertips.

Panicking for the first time since the whole horrible situation evolved, Peter turned to see the Zombie advancing.

Roger had just dropped another with a clean shot through the head, then he backed into the archway of Porter's entranceway. Desperately, Peter looked around for something to stand on in order to reach the elusive gate.

Steadily, the Zombies advanced toward the arch.

Peter grabbed a small counter used to display shoes but it was [illegible]

"Here — come on.

Unfortunately, Roger had to abandon his strategic post at the arch in order to help Peter drag over the little counter. They pulled it up a point just at the side of the open arch and Peter instantly jumped up on top of it. At that instant, a Zombie rounded the corner and grabbed at Peter's leg.

Startled, Peter started to kick and the awkward motion caused him to fall off the little counter. Gracefully he landed on his feet, but he was out on the balcony beyond the arch. Quickly, Roger brought his rifle butt around against the creature's head and the Zombie fell backward, but it was still alive

A few other creatures were only a few feet from Peter who was now unarmed as his gun sat on the small counter inside the store. Roger leveled off his rifle but couldn't fire since Peter was in his line of vision. Suddenly Peter made a move and like a football player, cut to the left and then to the right. Diving, he threw himself at one of the creatures, carrying it into the store

Roger all the while had been firing on the advancing Zombies dropping one and then another. "Behind you, behind you," Peter cried to Roger as he jumped back up on the counter

The creature trapped in the store had knocked over a cosmetics display and tubes of lipsticks, compacts, cylinders of eyeliner and mascara rolled around under its feet. Finally, the creature leaned against the glass case that displayed false eyelashes and plastic nails and was able to regain its footing.

In an instant, Roger turned and fired. The creature fell. In that time Peter was able to grab the lip of the roll gate and started to bring it down.

During all the commotion, several creatures gathered in the archway. They stood there clutching at the air with clawlike hands. One stood in the middle of the path of the roll gate blocking its downward progress.

Roger took careful aim and fired point-blank into the forehead of the Zombie who was blocking the gate. It flew backward, crashing into a few of its brothers. As the gate started to lower the clutching hands of the other Zombies seemed to reach out and to strangle Roger for killing one of their own. Roger dropped rifle and ran to the cage now to try and help pull down Peter hooking onto the [illegible] bumped off the counter to get more room.

The two troopers were now sweating profusely

dark were spreading under their arms and [illegible] uniforms. They were struggling to move the gate steadily down [illegible] only four feet from the floor but the creatures who seemed to feel no pain were continuing themselves to the point of the descending gate making it more difficult. One of them tried [illegible] down against its chest. Its arms grabbed for Peter's legs and its mouth gaped open, but mutilated body prevented the gate from engaging in the floor mechanisms

Roger let go of the cage as Peter tried to hold it [illegible] creatures outside. Both men were exhausted now and [illegible]

But some inner resource, some extra dose of adrenalin coursed through their veins. Grabbing his rifle Roger brought the butt straight down crushing the pawing Zombie's skull. The Zombie went limp and Roger tried to push it clear off the gate but the pressure was too enormous.

"Let up a little. Let up a little" he gasped to Peter

Peter let up the pressure and the gate rose a few inches. But as more and more Zombies appeared outside, they too clutched at the roll cage. Although the openings in the grid were only big enough for their fingers, their hands could not reach through. However the force of their pushing in unison caused the gate to go higher and [illegible] with his rifle butt, Roger managed to push the dead Zombie clear except for one of its arms. From outside a creature's hand suddenly grabbed Roger's weapon

For a moment, the macabre [illegible] through Roger's mind [illegible] rag-a-war game he used to play with his friends when he was younger. Only now the stakes were life or death!

"Let — go," Peter cried out. He was having a harder time holding the gate and [illegible] inched upward, out of his reach

Roger decided to let go of the gun barrel and the creature flew back into the crowd, brandishing its prize. Roger grabbed for the gate to help Peter and they tried again to crash

"The arm — that arm's in the way" Peter told him

Roger squatted and managed to throw the dead Zombie's arm [illegible] now only held one body with a thin strand of muscle, el

With a slight shiver of revulsion [illegible]

At the last moment, another clutching arm pushed into the store, but when the gate hit it it was severed. Finally and not a minute too soon, the gate clicked solidly into place

The two troopers stepped back from the gate and collapsed against another glass display case. This one held sunglasses, suntan lotion, and various vacation time necessities. The men gathered their strength and watched in horror as the creatures still moaned and gargled, slamming against the gate. Their fingers clutched futilely at the grid, but they were unable to budge it

"Well — we're in. Now how the hell we going to get back?" Roger asked, scanning the department store. About ten or twelve Zombies tried to get in. Several others made their way along the balcony. Roger also noted in disgust that six lay dead along the floor, their heads bleeding profusely from gunshot wounds or smashed skulls.

Let's go shopping first," Peter said, calm, cool, and collected [illegible]

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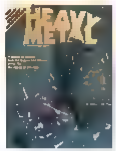

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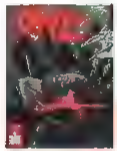

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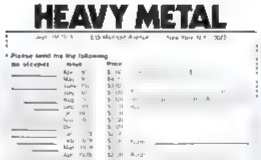

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"[illegible]typtyth." The slurred
[illegible] away with His
[illegible]
[illegible] and
the [illegible] amused him. He
[illegible] the bottle to his
[illegible] drain it for the hun-
[illegible] time, but once
[illegible] his tongue started

[illegible]

[illegible]
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[illegible]

acid smelling. The doors of eternity seemed to crack open, allowing acrid waves to crash into the world. And then, with a cosmic burst of otherworldly brilliance He was here.

His cloaked form raged with the flames of spiritual holocaust and His voice was apocalyptic.

His first pronouncement was beyond the city [illegible] like blood tears amid their stunned fists following [illegible] contin[illegible]

He was [illegible] in the swamp [illegible] couldn't [illegible] the house without [illegible] [illegible] her. For too many [illegible] the family had [illegible] her being in the [illegible]'s existence. But [illegible] was there. Jolief [illegible] known in her [illegible] was more than [illegible]

Memi[illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

All across the universe suns bled. Freeing the forces bought with the passions of two very different women caught in the throes of a cosmic lust. Jollef and Sarha had broken barriers.

"[redacted]"
"Asmodeus."
"Sabius."
"Ra Deva Se"
"Mephisto."

One step from his goal, He stood defeated. There was nothing left to do. The orb had dripped blood. "Damn that drunk," his hellfire thoughts raged. Just one moment more and the earth girl would have been stopped.

The sky roared.
He looked up.
The mighty fist fell.

"My God" In the dim light, Keith could barely make out the shape he knew so well. Sarha lay amid the jumbled mess, tangled in the sheet beside a slimy ball of some sort.

"Sarha!" The word was more a plea than a name. Keith pushed his way over tumbled furniture to where his wife lay. As he bent at her side, brushing her crimson hair from her face, a breeze brought his attention to the bay windows. They were shattered; wood and glass fragments were scattered far across the sleeping lawn. He could see the moon reflected off the broken glass as [redacted] There had been an explosion. He'd heard it and had come from the hall, leaving astonished guests in his wake as he ran.

Sarha had somehow escaped harm. And God, he was thankful for that.

Her eyes fluttered open then. Long lashes making dark ovals of her eyes.

"Sarha."

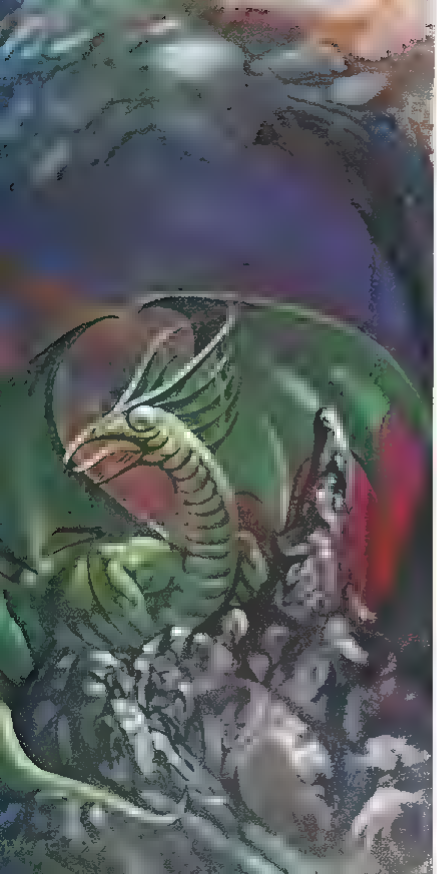
She smiled and Keith crushed her against him; holding her for proof of her existence.

"Keith." When he just squeezed harder, Sarha added, "I saved the dragon. Mendi can mate."

Then it was clear to him. Those strange dreams she was constantly telling him about. Of another world, of another life. Sarha believing that she was someone called Jollef. And a pet—a dragon. A dragon forever stuck in prepuberty. The last male dragon. Unable to fertilize the eggs laid by the several remaining females.

He hadn't believed it. But how could he deny this? As he held his sobbing wife his gaze drifted across the shambles of his library once again. The moonlight was glinting off the orb and the pool of liquid surrounding it. He dipped a finger into the stuff and raised it to see it better. It was blood.

It was then that he knew that his wife had broken barriers, because suddenly he forgot his immediate concern for Sarha, as the universe was laid bare to his mind. Voices of numberless creatures were there to be understood on their primary level. The mind was no longer a prison.



The mind that had worn the five names, that could explain, was finally dead, so Keith and Sarha would never connect the kilometer-wide crater at the north edge of the swamp with the evening's strange happenings. Never would they know that but for a small amount of wine, it would have been their home destroyed.

People on the way to work the next morning stepped over Fernandez for over an hour before a young occupational therapist stopped to check him for some sign of life. If not for her, the rats and dogs would have probably finished off the corpse for dinner. And they'd probably have gotten drunk.

As Joliet struggled up the ladder to her tree home, she smiled at the memory of her last sight of Memil.

Sitting on a cliff, high over the swamp, with newfound wings and virility, he'd stopped and trilled a quick song back to her before flying off in search of the few remaining females of his kind.

She knew the family would add this to her list of failures: that she lost the last male dragon. And the only tame one in ages, at that. But she, and Sarha, knew—it was the first of their successes.

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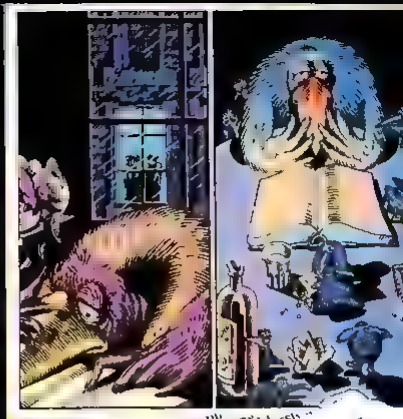

unusually tough. as in *heavy duty*, *weight*.

heavy-footed, *adj.* heavy or clumsy in walking.

heavy-handed, *adj.* 1) clumsy, tactless 2) oppressive.

tyrannical

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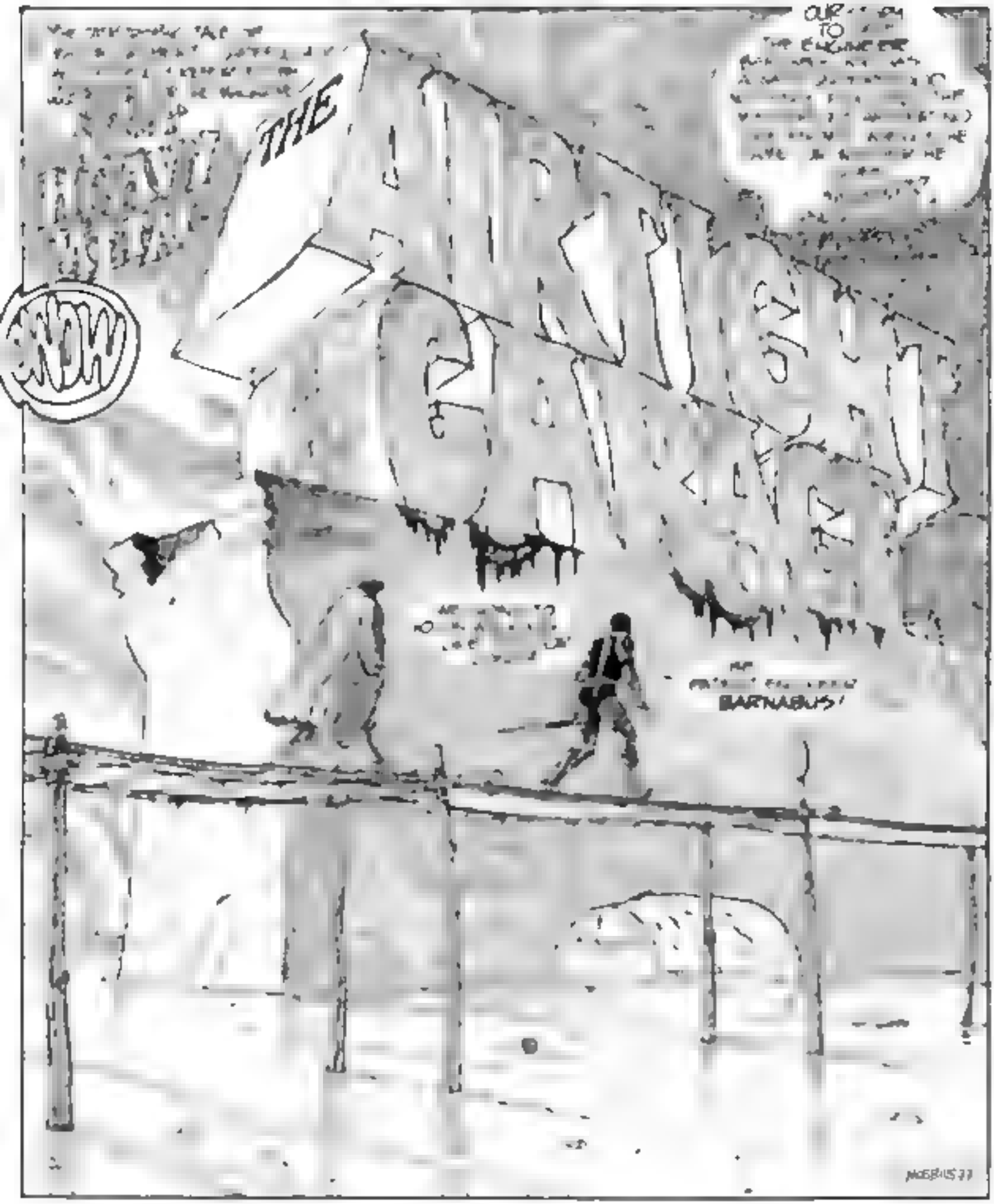
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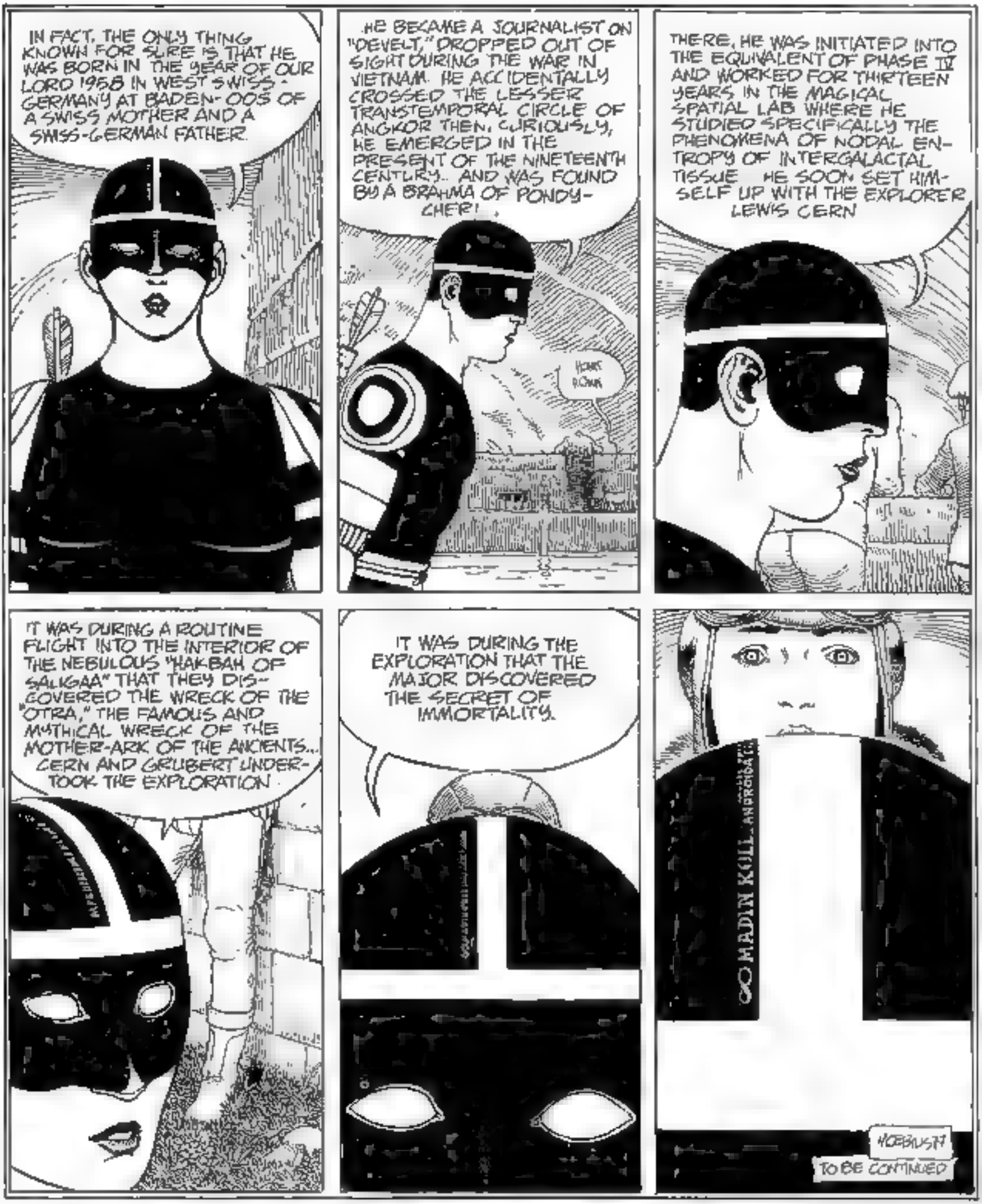
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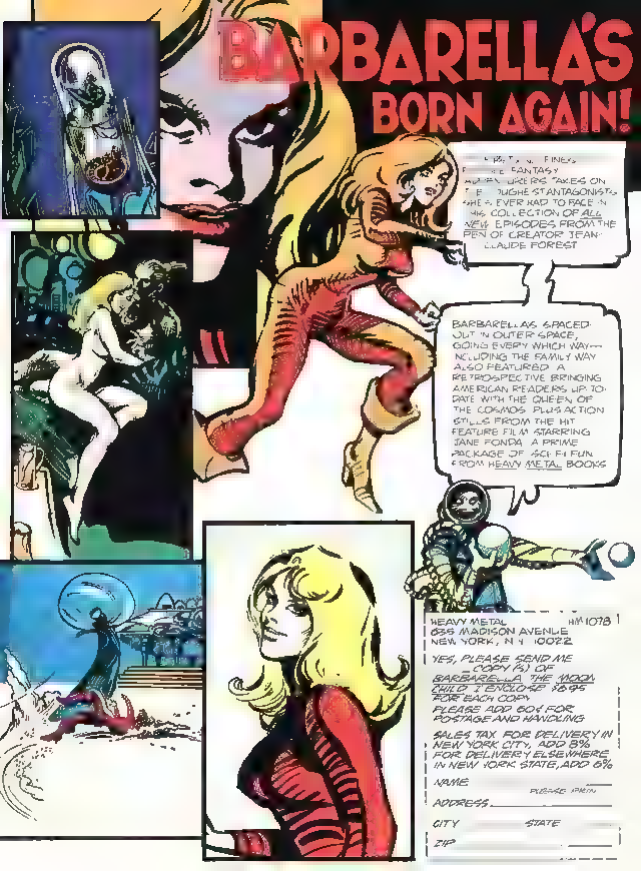
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darkness seemed to breath in away

Kris stuffed the duffel bag tighter on his shoulder. He was afraid of the house. It was creaking more heavily as he stood there and it made he could never take a second tightened his jaw muscles on either side of his shoulder blades. He looked in the corner of the darkening sky seeking it was out but he could only go forward. Behind was pain.

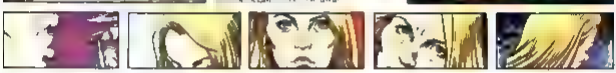
another girl answered, he door

She looked at him without speaking her pale blond hair half-obscuring her face. Peering at him inside the veil of straw and dirt. When he noticed a second time for Kris she saw her zips in the corners, and a tiny mask. her cheek jump Rude set down the duffel bag with a whump "Kris please." he said uneasily

He reflexively inhaled and his head reeled. It took a step back as the sweet stink of sawdust coming over the loose straw mixed with the other smells of the barn, and he was overcome with memories of Thanksgiving. He dimly heard the duffel bag behind him

did not remember closing the front door, but when he looked some time later it stood ajar.

He found Kris on the third floor, lying against the wall of a dark closet. It held an



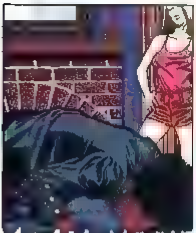
whispering

moved into the closet after her

crushing the rabbit." He looked down, his right

Rudy, I'm going to live with Jonah at The

Jeanne Marchon



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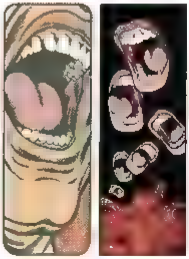

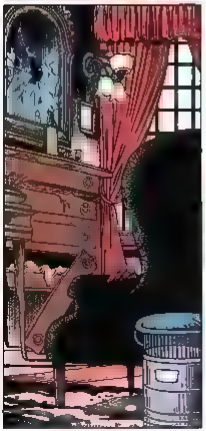

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...way," help you?" Ruth asked them.
...ha, first one said, "I'm Lisa, here."
"Nice," said Ruth. "My name is Ruth. Is
tucked. May...help you?"
"We'd like to come inside and talk to you.
"Do you have a search warrant?"
"We don't want to search. We only want to
talk to you. Ah, you can be sure."
"Just discharged. I came home to see my
family."
"Can we come in?"
"Yes, sir."
The second cop looked troubled. "Is one in
there, they call The Hill?"
"Why?" Ruth asked, looking perplexed.
"Well, the neighbors said this was 'The Hill'
and there were some parties going
on in
"Have you heard any partying?"
No, cops looked at each other. Ruth smiled
"I always very quiet here. My mother is living
a simple life nowadays."
Then set Ruth move in seconds, he was with
talk to people who came to the door from o
and no. Aside from Ruth, who went to s
food and to weekly trips to the mechanic
nice kids in one left The Hill. I was sound
very quiet.
Except sometimes there was a sound
the wiring in the back hall leading up to what has
been a maid's room, and the splintering from the
basement—the sound of wet things on rocks.
It was a self-contained little universe, sur
thered on the north by acid and mescaline in
the south by pot and peyote on the east in
speed and redballs and on the west by downers
and amphetamines. There were eleven people
living in The Hill. Eleven, and Ruth!

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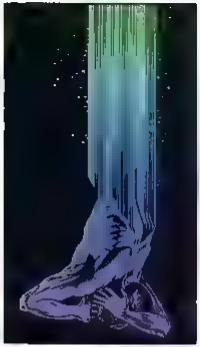
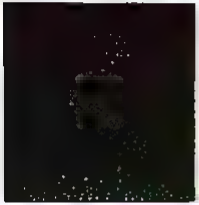
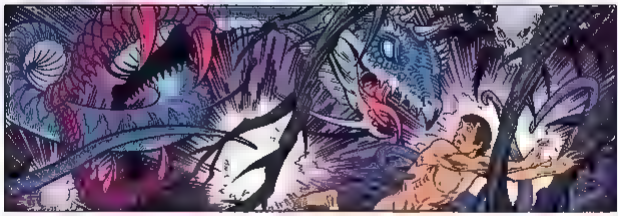
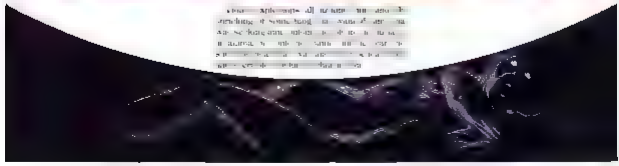
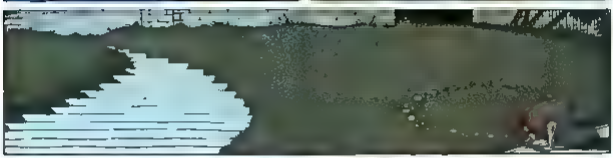


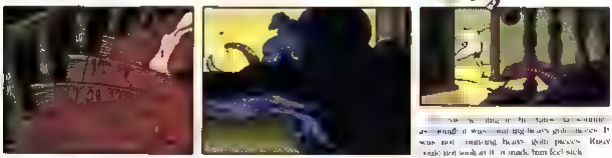


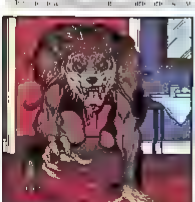


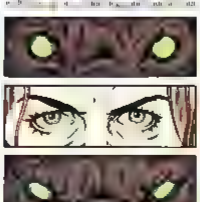


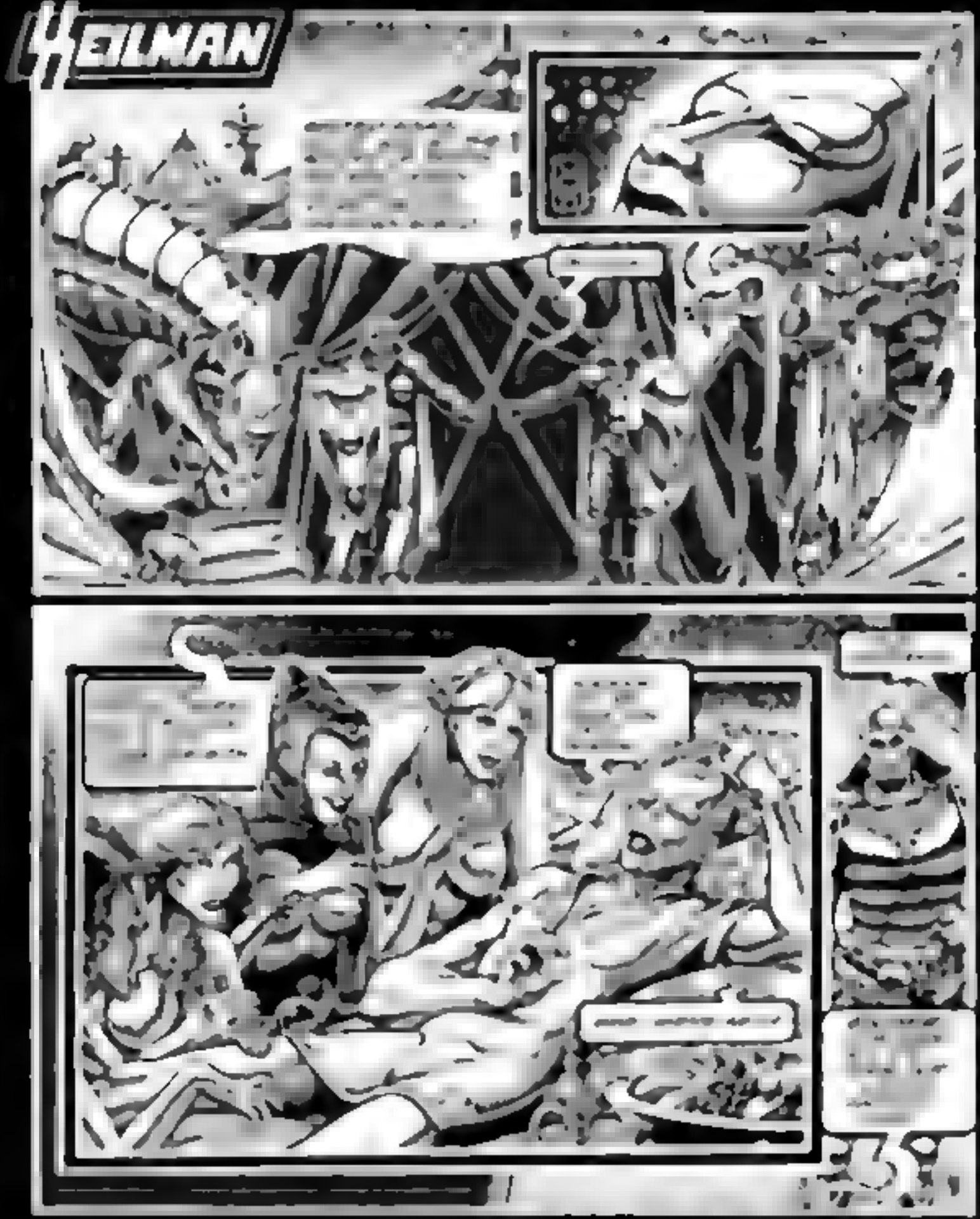


After that Mindy seldom went out in the night. He died by shooting at night situations, shades. He could [illegible] at night and he went to the [illegible] walls and [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]





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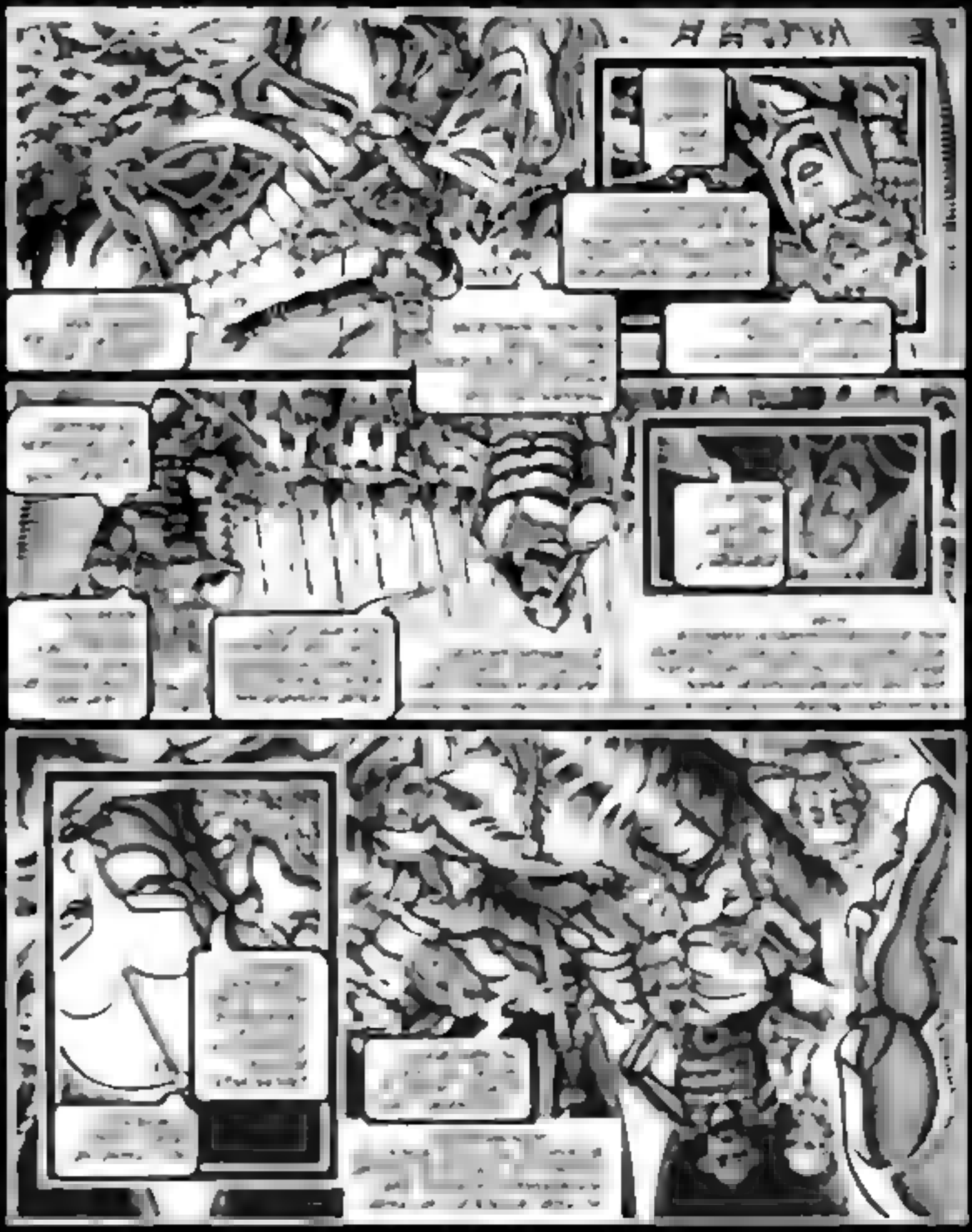

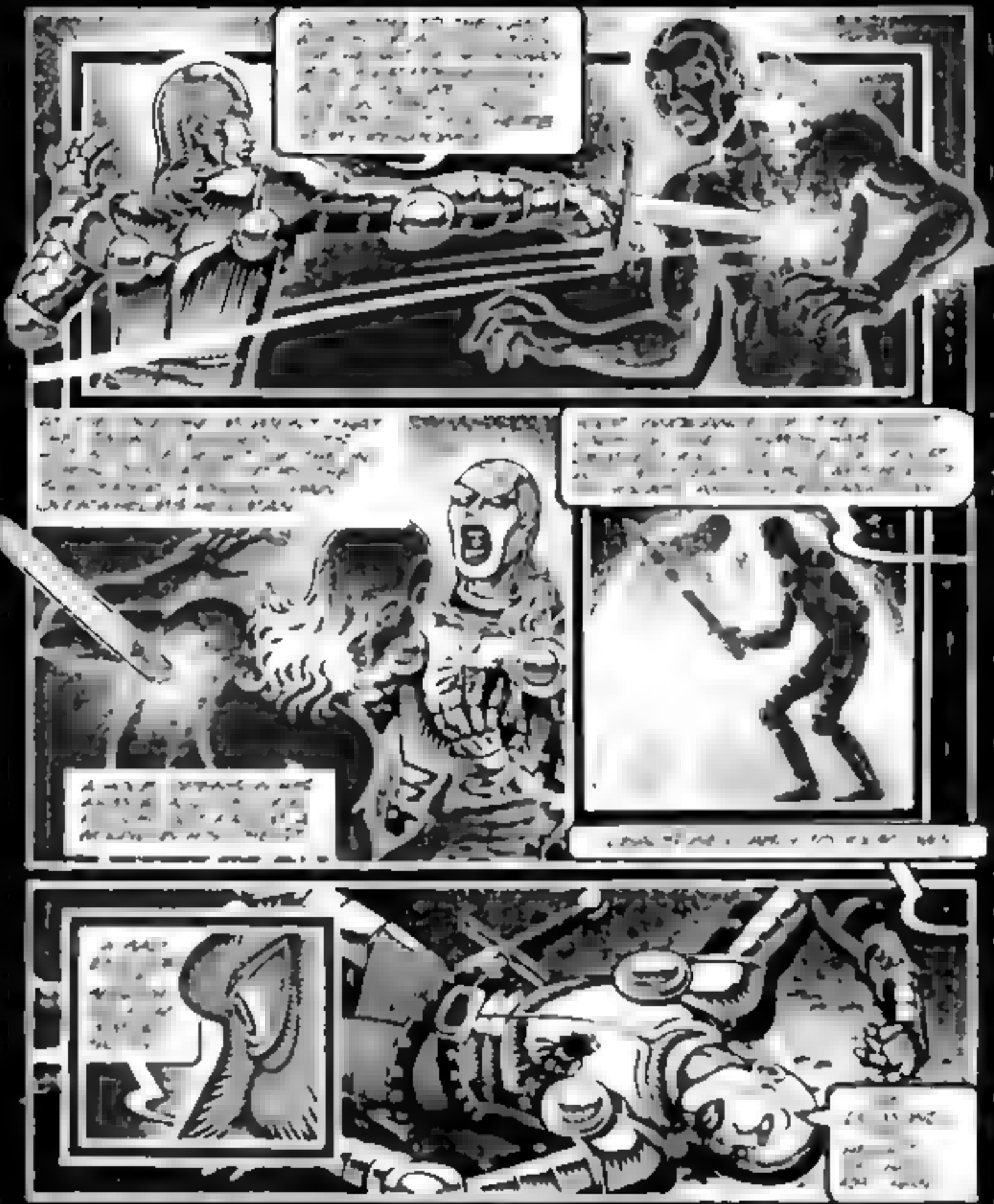

WHEN THE LIFE OF THE BODY DEPARTED HE WAS SAID TO HAVE TAKEN THE HEART OF THE FOE AND ATE IT RAW IN THE BELIEF THAT IT WOULD MAKE HIM STRONG AS A LION
THE HEART OF HAMOGIAN!
BY SOME STRANGE ACCIDENT WHAT HE SHOULD HAVE WITHIN HIM
I WAS CLOSE TO KILLING HIMAT I AM NOW BUT BLAMED THIS BROKEN ARM
NOW THANKS TO MY DIAMOND HE IS GREAT AT LAST
BUT I HAVE DECIDED THAT HE SHALL HAVE ANOTHER TRIAL YOU ALL AT TURN FROM WHERE HE CAME AND THE WEAKLING WHERE WE ONCE LET PREY TO FATE
WHEREIN YOU SHALL BE GIVEN ANOTHER CHANCE TO TEAR FLESH LIKE
AND HE SHALL BE FREE TO DIE AT LAST
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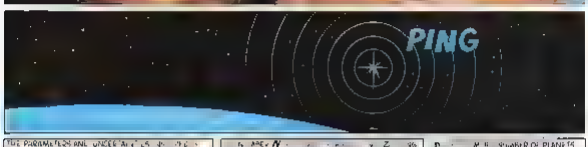

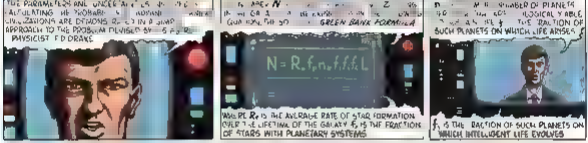
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WHERE R, IS THE AVERAGE RATE OF STAR FORMATION OVER THE LIFETIME OF THE GALAXY
f, IS THE FRACTION OF STARS WITH PLANETARY SYSTEMS
THE NUMBER OF PLANETS
LOGICAL WHILE
THE FRACTION OF SUCH PLANETS ON WHICH LIFE ARISES
f, IS THE FRACTION OF SUCH PLANETS ON WHICH INTELLIGENT LIFE EVOLVES
f, IS THE FRACTION OF THOSE IN WHICH TECHNICAL CIVILIZATION DEVELOPS AND L IS THE MEAN LIFETIME OF SUCH HIGHLY CIVILIZATIONS
HERE ARE ABOUT 2 · 10 STARS IN THE GALAXY AND THE AGE OF THE GALAXY IS ABOUT 10 YEARS
THEREFORE A VALUE OF R = 10 STARS PER YEAR IS PROBABLY REASONABLE THROUGH MEASUREMENT OF SLIGHT GRAVITATIONAL PERTURBATIONS IN THE PROPER MOTIONS OF STARS WE KNOW THAT ABOUT HALF OF THE NEAREST STARS HAVE DARK COMPANIONS
THE NEAREST OF THESE ORBITS BARNARD'S STAR SIX LIGHT-YEARS FROM THE SUN
THE DISTRIBUTION OF PLANETARY SYSTEMS AMONG STARS MAY BE WIDE VARIATIONS AMONG THE MOLECULES COMPRISING ALL WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE SIMPLEST COMPOUNDS HAVE BEEN FOUND ABOUT THEM
BECAUSE OF THE ABUNDANCE OF THE ORGANIC MOLECULES IN BOTH AS WELL AS THE FOSSIL RECORD AND THE EASE WITH WHICH THE RELEVANT ORGANIC MOLECULES CAN BE PRODUCED IN SIMULATION EXPERIMENTS THE LIKELIHOOD OF LIFE ORIGINATING OVER BILLIONS OF YEARS SEEMS QUITE HIGH
AND SO MANY SCIENTISTS BELIEVE THAT THE APPROPRIATE VALUE FOR f, IS ALSO ABOUT ONE
FOR THE QUANTITY f, AMONG THE PARAMETERS ARE EVEN MORE UNCERTAIN
IT IS DIFFICULT TO CONCEIVE THE VAGARIES OF THE EVOLUTIONARY PATH WHICH LED TO MAMMALS ON EARTH EACH BEARING ESSENTIALLY THE SAME IN THE UNIVERSE

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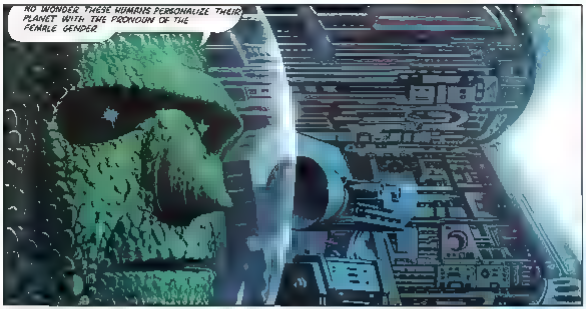
OKAY TITAN, WE'RE IN ORBIT SET THE INERTIAL GUIDANCE AND AUTHORIZE THE SHIELDS
LET'S HAVE A LOOK AT THE LEGENDARY PLANET EARTH
I'VE HEARD IT'S SO BEAUTIFUL
SO BEAUTIFUL AND SO DANGEROUS


NO WONDER THESE HUMANS PERSONALIZE THEIR PLANET WITH THE PRONOUN OF THE FEMALE GENDER

THEY SAY THAT THERE IS GREEN GRASS ON EARTH, SHYMMER!
TITAN I'D BELIEVE ANYTHING IN THIS PART OF THE GALAXY THERE MUST BE A LOT OF STRANGE THINGS DOWN THERE BUT I HAVEN'T COME HALFWAY ACROSS THE ENTIRE GALAXY JUST TO SIGHTSEE

I WOULD HAVE EXPLAINED EVERYTHING TO YOU LONG AGO BUT FOR THE FACT THAT YOU ARE A ROBOT AND IT WOULD ALL ULTIMATELY BE MEANINGLESS TO YOU
HOWEVER BELIEVE ME THERE IS A VERY SERIOUS PURPOSE BEHIND ALL THIS

I INHERITED MY INTEREST IN EARTH FROM MY FATHER. HE STUDIED FOR MANY YEARS ACTUALLY LIVING ON EARTH, TRYING TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IT WAS LIKE TO BE A NORMAL HUMAN BEING.

INCREDIBLE

SINCE MY [illegible] HAS WORKED AN [illegible] ID ON EARTH [illegible] BE ONE OF EARTH'S ELECTROMAGNETISM

YOU KNOW, I [illegible] SOMETHING A SCORPIO [illegible] YOU'RE A VERY WELL READ ALIEN

BOZZ LEVEL FOUR TITAN. I PROMISED AN ALARM JOB FOR THAT TRAVELING THEATER GROUP THAT HITCHED A RIDE BACK ON TARO.

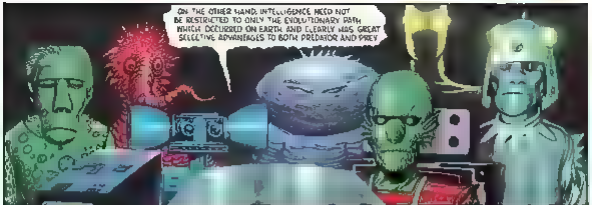
Audio

ZZZZ

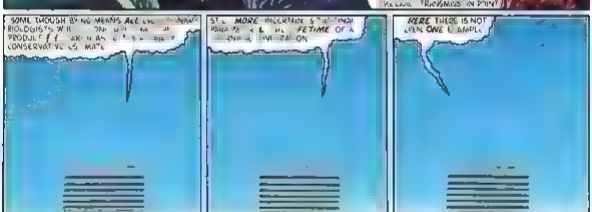
[illegible] WHICH [illegible] WHICH [illegible] TO [illegible]

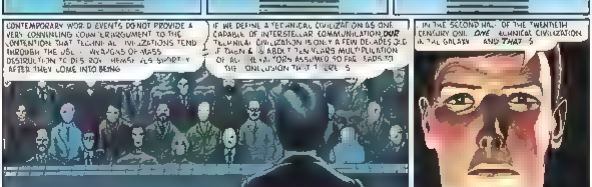
[illegible] WOW

ZZZ SKRRRK IT IS DIFFICULT TO CONCEIVE THE [illegible] LED TO MAMMALS ON EARTH EVER RECURRING ELSEWHERE IN THE UNIVERSE.


ON THE OTHER HAND, INTELLIGENCE NEED NOT BE RESTRICTED TO ONLY THE EVOLUTIONARY PATH WHICH OCCURRED ON EARTH AND CLEARLY HAS GREAT SELECTIVE ADVANTAGES TO BOTH PREDATOR AND PREY

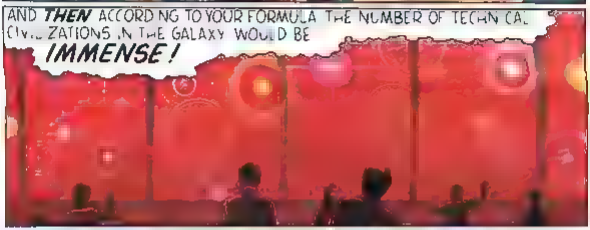
SIMILAR ARGUMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR THE ADAPTIVE VALUE OF TECHNICAL CIVILIZATIONS. INTELLIGENCE AND TECHNICAL CIVILIZATION, HOWEVER ARE CLEARLY NOT THE SAME THING. DOLPHINS ARE APPARENTLY VERY INTELLIGENT BUT THEIR LACK OF MANIPULATIVE ORGANS HAS LIMITED THEIR TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCE

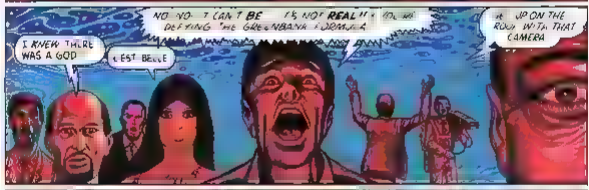

SOME, THOUGH BY NO MEANS ALL, OF THE KNOWN BIOLOGISTS WHO
PRODUCTIVE
CONSERVATIVE
AT MORE DILIGENT SEARCH
FEW TIME OF A
NEARBY INVITATION
HERE THERE IS NOT EVEN ONE EXAMPLE


CONTEMPORARY WORLD EVENTS DO NOT PROVIDE A VERY CONVINCING COUNTERARGUMENT TO THE CONTENTION THAT TECHNICAL INVESTIGATIONS TEND THROUGH THE USE
WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION TO DESTROY THEMSELVES SHORTLY AFTER THEY COME INTO BEING
IF WE DEFINE A TECHNICAL CIVILIZATION AS ONE CAPABLE OF INTERSTELLAR COMMUNICATION OUR TECHNICAL CIVILIZATION IS ONLY A FEW DECADES OLD
AND BASED ON TEN YEARS MULTIPLICATION OF ALL 10^23 SUNS ASSUMED TO HAVE PLANETARY SYSTEMS THE CONCLUSION THAT THERE ARE
IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY ONLY ONE TECHNICAL CIVILIZATION IN THE GALAXY
AND THAT IS

OUR DUTY

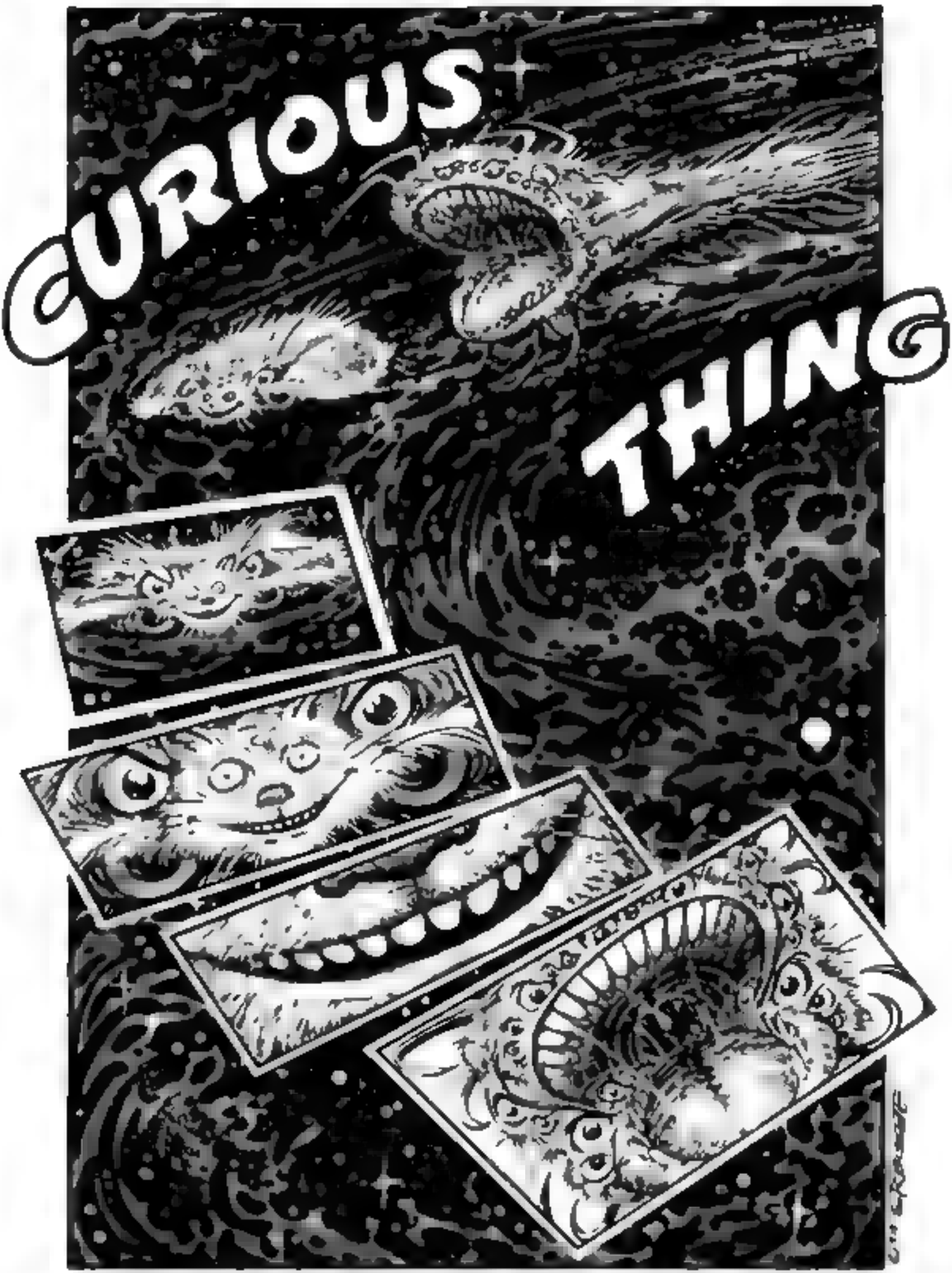
ALL BUT IF TECHNICAL CIVILIZATIONS AVOID SELF-ANNIHILATION, THEN
THEIR LIFETIMES MAY BE VERY LONG IN THE GEOLOGICAL OR STELLAR
EVOLUTIONARY TIME SCALE


AND THEN ACCORDING TO YOUR FORMULA THE NUMBER OF TECHNICAL
CIVILIZATIONS IN THE GALAXY WOULD BE
IMMENSE!


I KNEW THERE WAS A GOD
I JUST BELIEVE
NO NO IT CAN'T BE IS NOT REAL!
DEFYING THE GREENBANK DRAKE
LOOK ON THE ROOF WITH THAT CAMERA

NO WE ARE NOT ALL
ONE PERCENT OF TECHNICAL
CIVILIZATIONS MAKE REAL WITH
MUSIC WHAT WOULD GIVE A
ME SLE

ONE *MILLION* EXTANT TECHNICAL CIVILIZATIONS IN THE GALAXY
I SUPPOSE IT JUST *DEPENDS*
ON WHETHER YOU'RE A *PESSIMIST* OR AN *OPTIMIST*
TO BE CONTINUED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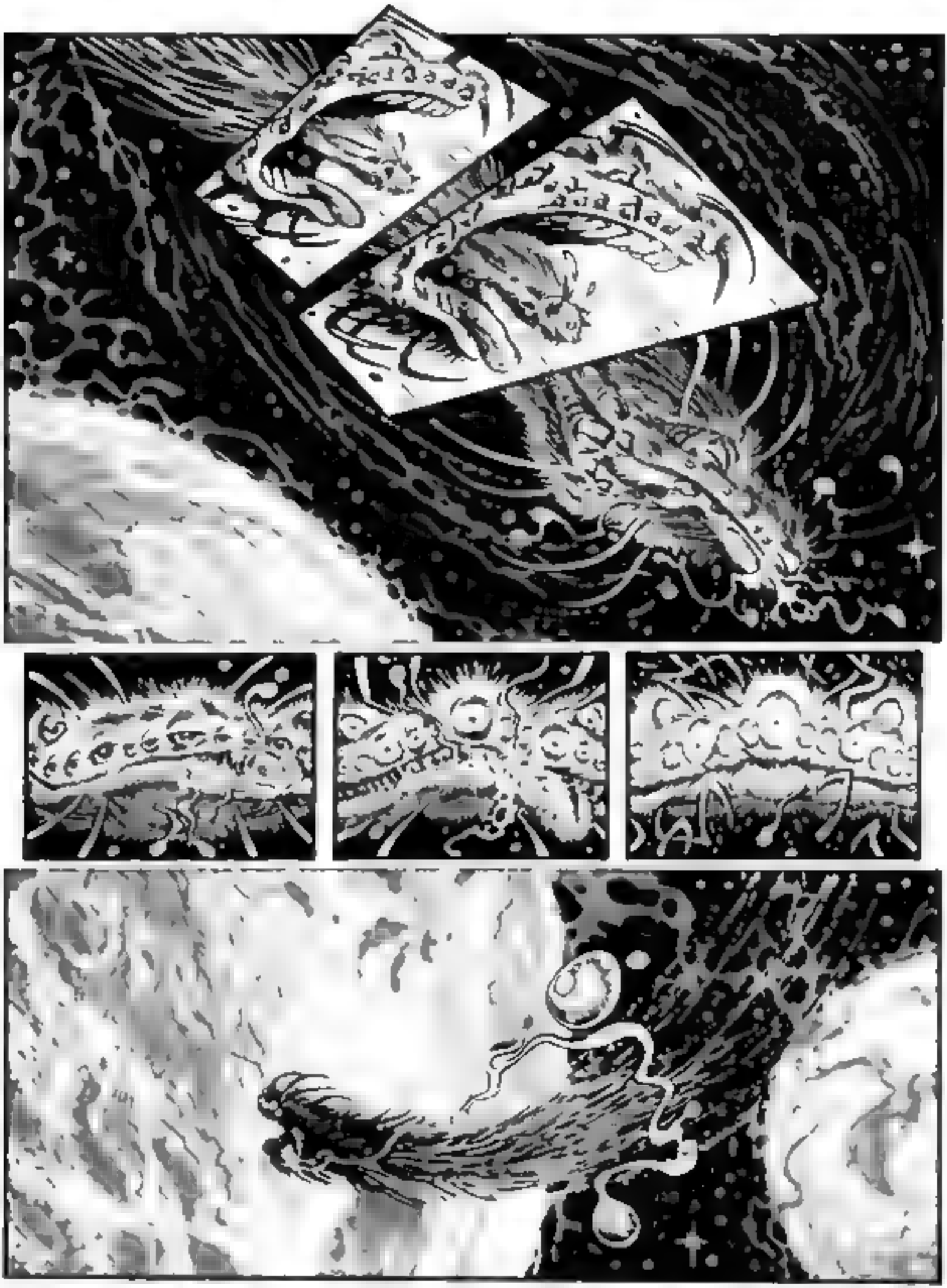
THING



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